

Upper Uwchlan Township Emergency Management Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes Thursday, April 28, 2016 6:30 PM

I Call to Order

Jamie Goncharoff called the Emergency Management Planning Commission (EMPC) meeting to order at 6:40 PM. The following members were in attendance: Jamie Goncharoff, Scott Nicely, Richard Ruth, Byron Nickerson and Cathy Tomlinson. Jamie mentioned Scott Nicely is still awaiting EMC appointment, and that Jamie will be acting as Deputy EMC for this meeting. The meeting was turned over to Scott Nicely to continue.

Also in attendance: Kathi McGrath

II Approval of Previous Minutes

Richard Ruth made a motion for the Meeting Draft Minutes to be approved and Cathy Tomlinson seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

III Fire Services Committee Report

Richard Ruth reported the HazMat training is complete. They also completed Fire Marshall training at the training center. Jamie asked what procedure is taken when there is a call for HazMat emergency. Richard reported once the fire call comes in from the dispatcher noting possible HazMat, there are two (2) supervisors on every shift. They (supervisors) report to the attending fire fighters how to handle the call, step by step. Paoli, Berwyn and West Whiteland Fire Companies all have paid fire fighters; that Richard is aware of. The other surrounding fire companies (Ludwigs, Lionville, West Chester (FAME) are all volunteer crew. Volunteer and Paid fire fighters are to have the same training and keep current with all certifications.

IV Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Report

Cathy Tomlinson reported that Uwchlan Ambulance is currently accepting registration for Jr. Medic Day Camp. Each month they also offer free CPR or First Aid Class at the station. John Applegate of Uwchlan Ambulance is concerned there is a bill in the PA Senate that if passed will decrease their income by 300,000 per year not allowing them to balance bill their patients but to accept "reasonable fees.

V Training Officer Report

Byron Nickerson mentioned Steve Plower will be in attendance at next month's meeting.

VI Chairman/Coordinator Report

Scott Nicely discussed the need to review the Township EOP plan. He wants to take section by section each meeting and review and or update.

VII Old Business

Scott Nicely inquired on the grant funds. Kathi will ask Mike Heckman in the Public Works Dept. if chainsaws and gear would be beneficial and the cost associated with those items.

VIII New Business

Jamie mentioned recycling of old eye glasses. Kathi will look into getting a local charity or organization to set up a collection box in the main lobby of the Township office.

IX Round Table

Kathi McGrath reminded the commission of the upcoming Block Party and the need for volunteers. Cathy Tomlinson suggested the local Boy Scouts.

X Next Meeting

Jamie Goncharoff made a motion to adjourn and Byron Nickerson sectioned the motion.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 26, 2016 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathi McGrath
EMPC Secretary