

Upper Uwchlan Township (UUT) Emergency Management Planning Commission (EMPC)

Meeting Minutes Thursday, April 22, 2021 6:30 PM **DRAFT**

I Call to Order

Byron Nickerson called the EMPC meeting to order at 6:35 PM. The following members were in attendance: Byron Nickerson, Richard Ruth, Tom Kelly, Cathy Tomlinson, Kevin Cook, Steve Hirsch, Julie Hearn-Nicely (teleconference) and Jamie Goncharoff (teleconference). Also, in attendance was Kathi McGrath.

The monthly meeting was held at the Lionville Fire Station.

II Approval of Previous Minutes

Julie Hearn-Nicely made a motion for the Draft Meeting Minutes to be approved. Kevin Cook seconded the motion. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved. No abstentions.

III Fire Services Report

- Richard reported training continues with the new tower fire truck.
- Lionville has started live burn training at the Coatesville Training Center last month.

IV Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Report

- Nothing to report.

V County Report

- No report.

VI Training Officer Report

- Byron reported having a conference call with James Wheeler, TEMA Manager, regarding funding from the State and how it can be used in the Municipalities. The funding is good through 2024.
- Byron discussed possible Table Top Exercises in the future.

- Byron turned the meeting to Julie to discuss possible ideas for American Red Cross training. Julie spoke with various leaders in the American Red Cross organization and they commented that they could provide training at future meetings on topics such as sheltering/feeding, logistics or recovery services.
- Jamie Goncharoff said the training was a good idea but recommended waiting until later in the year (September or October) when possible “in-person” training might be available.
- Julie responded that EMPC meetings are held at night, and that Red Cross volunteers come from all over. Therefore, in person meetings are less feasible than virtual call, but that she would pursue the matter further.

VII Pipeline Officer Report

- Tom Kelly stated that the DEP has produced a 260-page document regarding rerouting of the Energy Transfer pipeline.
- The Meadow Creek Drive phase of the Energy Transfer pipeline project is complete and tested fine.
- Tom said that Tony Scheivert attended a 2-day virtual Pipeline Forum on Pipeline Emergency Response Training. Kathi handed out copies of the presentation to the EMPC members.
- Jamie noted this may be a good subject to discuss at the May meeting.

VIII Chairman/Coordinator Report

- Byron handed out the EMPC stickers and invited everyone to come inspect the Emergency Operations Center closet in the newly renovated Township Building. He said there is personal protective equipment sufficient to maintain EOC operations around-the-clock for 90 days.
- Other recent purchases include a computer monitor, a laser printer and cart, flashlights, and miscellaneous office supplies.

IX Old Business

- Nothing to discuss.

X New Business

- Nothing to discuss.

XI Round Table

- Julie volunteered her thought that she thinks it would be beneficial to obtain additional information from other fire and ambulance companies that service UU and that she would be willing to assist Cathy and Rich if they didn't mind but indicated that she didn't want to step on any toes since she knows this is their area.

The meeting was adjourned and the Commission members had the opportunity to inspect the physical facilities, including new fire tower truck.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathi McGrath
EMPC Secretary