

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

Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 15, 2022 6:30 PM

(Approved with correction)

I Call to Order

Byron Nickerson called the EMPC meeting to order at 6:30 PM. The following members were in attendance: Byron Nickerson, Cathy Tomlinson, Steve Hirsch, Julie Hearn-Nicely (via zoom) and Jamie Goncharoff.

Also, in attendance were Kathi McGrath, EMPC Secretary, Jeff Churchvara (Resident), Tammy Whiteman (UAC) and Matthew Davison (UAC).

II County Report

Tony Przychodzien was not present for the meeting. Byron reviewed the report Tony sent via email.

III Approval of Meeting Minutes

Cathy Tomlinson noted the word nominally was not used correctly in the Round Table section VIII second bullet of the January minutes. It should read ...normally last one hour...Cathy made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction, Jamie Goncharoff seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

IV Uwchlan Ambulance Corps Presentation and Discussion

- Tammy Whiteman introduced herself as Chief of Operations and Matt Davidson as Battalion Chief for Uwchlan Ambulance Corp (UAC).
- They reviewed their proposal for a sub station to be put into service in Upper Uwchlan Township.
- Tammy said UAC is seeing a significant growth, noting 700 call in 2021. They believe a 4th truck into service is warranted. They are here to start the conversation. Cathy Tomlinson asked if they were looking to increase their territory? Tammy said they are not looking to increase their territory but to cover the already growing territory with the continued growth in Upper Uwchlan.
- Tammy said the average amount of calls per day is 23-24.
- UAC currently has paid staff members and 5 steady volunteers.
- Byron turned the meeting over to Jamie Goncharoff, Deputy EMC to continue as Byron needed to leave the meeting due to scheduled meeting conflicts.

- Byron said Kevin Cook would be heading up this initiative. Cathy Tomlinson said she would like to be included in the discussions.
- Talking points for discussion would be funding. Legal contract with Municipality. Possibly have township give UAC a parcel of land or they can sub rent a township owned property. She is flexible on options.
- Jamie Goncharoff wanted to know how many municipalities UAC covers. Tammy said they currently cover 8 municipalities. Jamie asked the distance from the main station to Upper Uwchlan. Tammy said 3 miles. The average call time is 16 minutes for basic life support (no sirens/ no lights) due to increase in traffic.
- Cathy noted response time was the same in 2006 when the push to have the new bypass Graphite Mine roadway built. UAC lobbied back then that Graphite Mine Road would cut down on response time with the reduction of traffic. Tammy said due to increased traffic and the number of new homes, the response time has not improved in this area.

V. Chairperson/EMC Report

Nothing to Report.

VI. Old Business

- The Bordeaux Estates was discussed. Steve mentioned we should see if there is an existing egress. Jeff Churchvara said he has an emergency egress on his property. It shows on his deed only. Cathy said the Township has a list of all properties with egresses that show on the approved development plans.

VII. New Business

- Jamie wanted to know how many Homeowners Associations we currently have in Upper Uwchlan. He thanked Kathi for updating the listing.

VIII. Round Table

- Tom Kelly said he spoke with Tony Sheivert, Twp. Manager earlier regarding Energy Transfer Mariner and said they have completed the restoration. The Lake clean up is scheduled for April of 2022.
- Cathy mentioned she went to the Barnston Dam and suggested the EMPC do a field trip to the Dam in June, it is beautiful.
- *Jamie mentioned that he was in favor of having the three standing committees be listed on the monthly agendas so that the committee chairs could give an update on their committees if there was an update to be provided. This would then facilitate EMPC members to provide input on the committee activities through an organized discussion.*

Cathy Tomlinson made a motion to end the meeting, Steve Hirsch seconded the motion.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathi McGrath
EMPC Secretary