

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

Meeting Minutes Tuesday, May 17, 2022

I Call to Order

Byron Nickerson called the EMPC meeting to order at 6:33 PM. Jamie Goncharoff requested the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag be acknowledged and recited at the start of the meeting and for all future meetings. Those in attendance complied.

The following members were in attendance: Byron Nickerson, Jamie Goncharoff, John DeMarco, Richard Ruth, Cathy Tomlinson, Steve Hirsh, Julie Hearn Nicely (via Zoom) and Kevin Cook.

Also, in attendance were Kathi McGrath, EMPC Secretary; Jeff Churchvara (Resident); Scott Nicely (via Zoom) and Tony P.

II. County Report

- Tony reported they completed Peach Bottom in May, Mass Care for Limerick and Peach Bottom with no planning issues or performance issues.
- He said Mike Gruber, Constellation and FEMA are trying to change hostile based exercise September vs. November.
- Tony said he will be working with Samantha Simms, the summer intern arranged by Byron.
- Jamie Goncharoff asked Tony if he had a public statement regarding the County Emergency Services resignations. Tony had no comment.

III. Approval of April Meeting Minutes

Jamie wanted added to the last meeting minutes from April, 2022 for all attendees to do the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag at the start of each meeting. Kevin Cook had to abstain as he was not present at the last meeting. John DeMarco made a motion to approve, Richard Ruth seconded the motion, motion so passed unanimously.

IV. Chairperson/EMC Report

Byron discussed the Township's .gov email addresses for all EMPC commission members. The advantage to use the .gov email address is for working with the smartboard in the EOC. Jamie Goncharoff mentioned the legal standpoint of use of the .gov as it applies to Right To Know requests.

All Township .gov emails will be used from now on for EMPC use.

Byron mentioned the schools and daycares in UUT, the phone numbers need to be recognized in case of an emergency. Byron reiterated the need to make sure the HOA updated list is put in the NARM.

V. Committee Reports

Block Party:

- John DeMarco completed the IAP for the event. He reviewed for emergency services only. Fob keys for temporary township building access will be provided to EMS & those working in the EOC during the event.
- A Police Officer will be stationed in the EOC
- Byron wanted to make sure there were enough sandbags for the tent to hold it down, Kathi confirmed they have been secured and waiting for the event.
- Steve said there is a schedule prepared for the EOC and EMPC table. He asked each volunteer to arrive 10 minutes before the shift starts for overlap and communication.

Emergency Services Committee:

- Kevin reviewed 5 topics.
- UAC Substation: Township Manager is in support of having one in UUT.
- Emergency Services Study: the 2003 study is now in the process of being updated. The DCED is gathering information, getting data then they will work with us in updating their system and the study. Tony P asked how many members of Lionville UAC live in UUT? Does the coverage area change if joint venture? What about staffing the substation. Tony S is working with UAC and 6 other municipalities for interest.
- Kevin said Glenmoore is asking for a portion of the \$150K to meet their goal. The new engine would support UUT. Jamie said the township should put together a policy and procedure/guidelines in writing applicable to emergency agencies. Having a formula so they are all treated fairly and approved by the Board of Supervisors.
- Kevin made a motion for \$50K be given to Glenmoore Fire Co. for their new engine, Jamie Goncharoff second the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Community Awareness and Preparation Committee:

- Jamie said there was a good turnout at the good neighbor events. He would like to do fieldtrips and asked for recommendations by June 20.

Pipeline Committee:

- The Cleanup of Marsh Creek work is still happening and should be completed by the end of June. Steve mentioned the need for a pipeline map to be released to the public.

Flooding:

- Cathy took pictures of the retention basin, 3 ½" rain. She suggested having a Smart Signage sensor located somewhere on the bridge for when the water level rises to say STOP! Unsafe to passage. Jamie mentioned there probably is grant \$ for something like this.

VI. Old Business

Nothing to Report.

VII. New Business

Nothing to Report.

VII. Round Table

- Schedule PEMA Command Center.
- Kathi mentioned she still needed 2 more volunteers for the Block Party if anyone knew of anyone to help with amusements.
- Action Item: Byron to submit recommendation for the \$50K to be given to Glenmoore.

Jamie Goncharoff made a motion to end the meeting, Byron Nickerson seconded the motion. All members were in favor of the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathi McGrath
EMPC Secretary