

# **Upper Uwchlan Township (UUT) Emergency Management Planning Commission**

## **Meeting Minutes Tuesday, October 18, 2022 Held at the Upper Uwchlan Township Building**

### **I Call to Order**

Byron Nickerson called the Emergency Management Commission (EMPC) meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

The following members were in attendance: Byron Nickerson, Jamie Goncharoff, Lieutenant Tom Jones, Richard Ruth, Steve Hirsh, Julie Hearn Nicely (remote) and Jeff Churchvara.

Also, in attendance were Kathi McGrath, EMPC Secretary; Tammy Whiteman, UAC; Andy Chambers, UAC; Matthew Davison, UAC.

### **III. County Report**

Nothing to report, Tony not in attendance.

### **IV. Approval of the September 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Steve Hirsh made a motion to approve, Jeff Churchvara second the motion.

### **V. Chairperson/EMC Report**

- Byron mention he did a walk through with Betty Brosious from Marsh Harbor egress. He thanked Jamie Goncharoff for getting her on the right tract. He mentioned the area is down hill, large trees creating a storm water issue. The issue is not in the area we are interested in.
- Byron asked if anyone had any issue with the .gov emails. Jamie mention he had a problem with it, however worked with Chris from Help Now and fixed the problem on his iPad.
- Byron would like Kathi to update the EOP and the NARM and have complete by the January meeting.
- Bryon discussed Reverse 911 and how it works. School calls go to central office and call gets distributed accordingly.
- CERT Training was discussed. Joe Sciandra provided CERT Training to Steve Hirsh, and Steve said it would be available in January or February.
- A Struble Dam tabletop exercise will take place on Wednesday, November 2, 2022, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Coatesville Training Center. Cathy and Byron are planning to attend.
- Byron said he has the Township News Magazines available to anyone that may want to read them, just ask him.

### **VI. Committee Reports**

### Community Awareness and Preparedness (Jamie Goncharoff)

- Jamie said his goal is to have the CAP presentation complete by January meeting.

### Emergency Services Committee (Kevin Cook)

- Nothing to report, Kevin not at meeting.

### Pipeline Committee (Steve Hirsh)

- Steve has nothing to report.

### Flooding Issues (Cathy Tomlinson)

- Cathy has nothing to report.

## **VII. Old Business**

UAC – Byron needs to talk to Tony Scheivert about speaking to the State Park. Tom Jones will send the name and phone number of the State Park contact to Byron.

- EMS Satellite – Tammy and Byron communicating via email with the Ambulance and Fire at Milford Rd. Richard Ruth is working with the Fire Depts to see if they feel a fire dept is necessary. There is a Fire Dept. round table in January. Jamie Goncharoff asked Richard if he would reach out to all the Fire Departments and be the liaison. Byron does not feel a fire truck positioned at Milford Rd. is necessary. He questioned the commission if this is something we need to work toward in the future and put in the comp plan. To summarize, a letter from the UAC requesting a new ambulance. See where we stand for funding for a new ambulance whether or not we decide to have an ambulance at Milford Rd. Concerns: If call comes in from outside of Upper Uwchlan Township, the ambulance staged in Upper Uwchlan called out delays time to the residents of Upper Uwchlan if a call should come in locally.
- Tammy Whiteman from UAC plans to have two (2) additional staff members for Milford and purchase 3 ambulances to increase the fleet one each 18 months and to up staff in the next 24 months.
- ABL System. County sees the location of vehicles. How quickly definitive care to our residents is based on the locations of the vehicles. Jamie questioned Tammy “by having an ambulance in Upper Uwchlan, how will that benefit our residents. How does that help our citizens and how does it benefit UAC”. Tammy said the safety for the crew in traffic is vital, on screen response time is crucial. The average time in Chester County is 8.9 mins. and overall 13.0 mins. in PA. She said based on target population, those using these services is 45+. The cost analysis come from fuel, wear and tear on vehicles, cost of everything is going up. Tammy said Tony is working with other municipalities and going to be a new formula.

## **VIII. New Business**

- TEMA, focus on table top exercises. Tornados – Black Sky event. Large scale power outages
- Byron would like to coordinate with Tony P. on running through a few exercises.
- Chief DeMarco’s retirement will take place at Upland Barn Farm on October 26 from 5-8 PM.

## **IX. Round Table**

No contributions from committee members.

**X. Notable Action Items**

- Byron letter from UAC give to Tony Scheivert
- Byron to talk to Planning Commission
- Byron to discuss with the State Park on \$4 million from Pipeline/for ambulance
- Tom Jones to send contact information on State Park
- Jamie and Jeff will get together to work on the slide presentation by January.

Cathy made a motion to end the meeting at 8:58 PM and Richard Ruth seconded the motion. All members were enthusiastically in favor of the motion. There were no dissenting votes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathi McGrath  
EMPC Secretary