

Upper Uwchlan Township (UUT) Emergency Management Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes Tuesday, May 16, 2023

The meeting was held at the Township Building, 140 Pottstown Pike, Chester Springs, PA 19425.

I. Call to Order

Byron Nickerson called the Emergency Management Commission (EMPC) meeting to order at 6:03 PM, led the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was recorded on Sembly/Zoom.

The following members were in attendance: Byron Nickerson, Jamie Goncharoff, Richard Ruth, Steve Hirsh, Cathy Tomlinson, Chief Tom Jones and Jeff Churchvara.

Also, in attendance were Kathi McGrath, EMPC Secretary, James Wassell, Director and Kim Bischof of Marsh Creek State Park.

II. County Report

- No report.
- Byron will follow up on when the Base Station is being sent to the Township.

III. Marsh & French Creek Park

- Kim from DCNR will be conducting a mock search on May 20 which will be a syndicated exercise for EMS, Fire and Police to locate a missing person. James Wassel is the search and rescue manager for the State of PA. They have a handbook for the parks they will use as a guide. EMPC members are encouraged to attend.
- The coordination will be with police and EMS for help from areas that touch the park. To include Uwchlan, Upper Uwchlan, Lionville, Ludwigs, Minquas and Glenmoore.
- The Com 1 Trailer may be activated for the exercise along with the DCNR Trailer, if necessary.
- Byron told Kim and James that the Township EMPC can offer services to help them if the need arises to include running for food, setting up the EOC, etc.
- James said there would be a debrief after the exercise then sign people out. A more in depth meeting will be held after all are rested.

IV. Approval of the October 2022 Meeting Minutes

- Richard Ruth made a motion to approve the minutes. Steve Hirsh seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously with no abstentions.

V. Chairperson/EMC Report

- Byron thanked Steve for helping him with the pipeline safety advisory board.
- Byron noted that he, Steve and Cathy have been attending CERT Training. He would like to get a trailer with CERT type items. Tom mentioned the UUT Police Dept. are awaiting a multi-purpose trailer that CERT could use by placing a large tote in such as a job box.
- There will be no EMPC meeting in June.

VI. Committee Reports

Community Awareness and Preparedness (Jamie Goncharoff)

- Byron said the Supervisors approved the equipment request. Byron is to scan the letter and email to Tony P at the county. Once that is done and the projector and screen are received, Jamie and Jeff will be ready to roll out the presentation to the community.

Emergency Services Committee (Kevin Cook)

- Kevin was not present for the meeting. Byron said he and Kevin met with Tony Scheivert and the Uwchlan Ambulance satellite building at Milford Rd. is almost complete. They are awaiting certification next week.

Pipeline Committee (Steve Hirsh)

- Nothing to report.

Flooding Issues (Cathy Tomlinson)

- Cathy and Steve took a road trip around the township to look at bridges. Cathy is going to take a picture of sample flooding sign and sent to Mike for him to order the signs "Possible flooding hazard". The signs may be placed at the following areas:
 - Font and Greenridge
 - Krauser & Greenridge
 - Krauser near Claremont Lane
 - Redbone & Fellowship
 - Dorlan Mill Rd. & 282

Cyber Security Assessment

- Nothing to report.

VII. Old Business

- Chief Jones to give Byron the contact information for Nick Melchior regarding school buses traveling on North Reeds Road bridge.

VIII. New Business

- Block Party, Steve asked if we are to open the EOC at 11:30. He will set up a schedule for manning the EOC for the duration of the block party with the assistance of PD.
- Police and SWAT will have booth(s) at the Block Party. Police will also be utilizing COM 1 and can assist with radios. Similar to last year, the drone will be utilized.
- EMPC will distribute a preparedness flyer for distribution at the block party.

IX. Round Table

- Byron would like to order Fleece Vests for members.

X. Notable Action Items

- Steve to send email out for staffing list for the EOC and booth.
- Once the projector and screen are received, Jamie and Jeff will start scheduling/holding presentations with HOAs.
- Cathy to contact Mike Esterlis at DPW to get a sign(s) for North Reeds Bridge and other flooding areas in the township.
- Chief Jones to give Byron Nick Melchior's contact information.
- Byron to contact Nick Melchior regarding school buses traveling on North Reeds Road bridge.

Jamie made a motion to end the meeting and Richard seconded the motion. All members were enthusiastically in favor of the motion. There were no dissenting votes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathi McGrath
EMPC Secretary