

Upper Uwchlan Township Emergency Management Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 26, 2015
6:30 PM

I Call to Order

Jamie Goncharoff called the meeting of the Emergency Management Planning Commission (EMPC) to order at 6:38 PM. The following members were in attendance: Jamie Goncharoff, Julie Hearn-Nicely, Scott Nicely, Richard Ruth, and Byron Nickerson.

Also in attendance: Tony Przychodzien from Chester County DES and Officer David Stitler, Upper Uwchlan Police Dept.

II Approval of Previous Minutes

Richard Ruth made a motion to approve the Minutes and Scott Nicely seconded the motion.

III Fire Services Committee Report

Richard Ruth reported there was a Conditional Use meeting for the new 321 ft. tower that is proposed to be located in the clearing by Black Horse Hill. The new antenna is being used to facilitate communication transmissions. It is expected to increase coverage to approximately 97%. Supervisors are expected to vote on this proposal at a later date. Mr. Ruth reported that in mid-April the Forestry Department will be having a live controlled burn of 50 acres of Marsh Creek. Mr. Ruth also reported that they are cutting back on the community outreach at the Lionville station and in-house training due to the inclement weather.

IV Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Report

Scott Nicely reported that the Uwchlan Ambulance Corps Training Institute will be offering a Pre-Junior, Junior and Advanced Junior Medic Camp and Wilderness Camp this summer. For more information, or to register, call (610)-363-1067 x 41, e-mail training@station87.com or visit their website at (www.station87.com).

V Training Officer Report

- Jamie Goncharoff reported that the First Aid training that was postponed in February due to weather, was now completed and all attendees received a passing grade.
- Tony Przychodzien discussed the Citizen Corps event that is being held on April 18, 2015 to celebrate National Volunteer Week. He encouraged anyone who wants to participate to attend.
- Byron Nickerson reported that he successfully completed the G290 Basic Public Information Officer training course and has received an official certification.

VI Chairman/Coordinator Report

- Tony Przychodzien reviewed the County reports with the commission. In regards to the Voice Radio project, the legal and financial process has been completed for 23 of the 27 towers. The County eliminated the CAD interface to the Warrant Administration Management System (WAMS) and has been replaced with the new interface called JNet. The Tactical Village should be completed in April. Mr. Przychodzien agreed to schedule a private tour for the EMPC for our upcoming meeting in June.
- Jamie Goncharoff mentioned the PSAT training that is being held in Hershey, PA. Mr. Goncharoff encouraged anyone who wanted to attend the Emergency Management training program on April 19, 2015, to contact Kathi McGrath so she could make arrangements on their behalf.
- Mr. Goncharoff proposed that we receive more pipeline training and will ask Tom Kelly to research what opportunities are available.

VII Old Business

- Jamie Goncharoff would like to obtain a new TV stand that is adjustable and low enough to the floor to be located under the Supervisor desktop in the Schoolhouse. Byron Nickerson volunteered to research what options are available. Tony Przychodzien indicated that he will facilitate the purchasing of the new TV stand.
- Mr. Przychodzien responded to the questions raised at January's EMPC meeting regarding the County Hazard Mitigation plan. Mr. Przychodzien indicated that the plan focuses on floods because that is what the various municipality's reported as their concerns.

VIII New Business

- Jamie Goncharoff discussed that we do not have the size/design/color of the jacket that Scott Nicely previously requested. Mr. Nicely sent a request to Kathi McGrath to order a new one.
- Mr. Goncharoff discussed that he would like to have us conduct a table-top exercise. Tony Przychodzien agreed to think of a topic for the table top exercise. Mr. Przychodzien also agreed to facilitate the table-top during our upcoming meeting in May.

IX Round Table

- Julie Hearn-Nicely discussed the Annual Township Block Party scheduled for Saturday, June 20, 2015 from 6-9 PM. Mrs. Hearn-Nicely reiterated Kathi McGrath's need for volunteers for manning the EMPC booth and setting up or breaking down tables/chairs. Richard Ruth, Byron Nickerson, Scott Nicely and Julie Hearn-Nicely volunteered to set up or break down tables. Mrs. Hearn-Nicely will attempt to contact Tom Baynard to see if the Lions Alert members can staff the EMPC booth.
- Tony Przychodzien discussed that our County exercise is scheduled for November 17, 2015.

Mr. Goncharoff asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, and after motion being made by Scott Nicely and seconded by Julie Hearn-Nicely, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

X Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathi McGrath
EMPC Secretary