

Upper Uwchlan Township Emergency Management Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes Thursday, 6:30 PM

I Call to Order

Byron Nickerson called the EMPC meeting to order at 6:37 PM. The following members were in attendance: Richard Ruth, Kevin Cook, Julie Hearn-Nicely, Tom Kelly, Bernie Carroll, John DeMarco and Jamie Goncharoff. Tony Przychodzien (Chester County Department of Emergency Services (DES), Kathi McGrath were also in attendance.

II Approval of Previous Minutes

Richard Ruth made a motion for the Draft Meeting Minutes to be approved. Julie Hearn-Nicely seconded the motion. The motion to accept the meeting minutes was passed unanimously.

III Fire Services Report

Richard Ruth reported Fire Prevention Week the first week of October went well. Richard reported Lionville had their open house on October 10 and over 400 people attended.

IV Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Report

No report.

V County Report

- Tony Przychodzien reported the County 911 center is moving back to the Government Services Center on October 28.
- The EOC is ramped up for the upcoming Limerick Drill on November 19th. There will be eight total municipalities taking part in the training.
- Tony reported there is a new Director of Logistics and Planning; Alison Miller. Bill Turner will report to her and Tony reports to Bill Turner.

VI Training Officer Report

- Byron Nickerson mentioned he was recently involved in a table-top exercise involving train derailment. Effective use of the Emergency Response Guide (ERG) was a critical aspect of the response. Byron asked Chief John DeMarco to conduct training on the ERG at the next EMPC monthly meeting in January.
- Byron reported he plans to attend the upcoming DES quarterly meeting on November 12 at 1:00.

VII Pipeline Officer Report

- Tom Kelly reported there was a Township in Upper Bucks County (West Rockhill Twp.) that lost an appeal against Adelphia Gateway pipeline. Despite public outcry, the DEP granted an air quality permit approval to Adelphia allowing construction to move ahead.

- Jamie Goncharoff mentioned there is a hot issue right now in Upper Uwchlan Township located in Meadowcreek. The residents do not want the road torn up by the Mariner East pipeline and is asking the Board for options.

VIII Chairman/Coordinator Report

Byron discussed the process in the event an incident would happen in the Township. He wanted to ensure all commission members were prepared to respond if the need arises and help as needed. Jamie mentioned during weather related events, all department heads meet to discuss needs to ensure all potential unmet needs are identified and fully addressed. The township's EMC is invited to attend these meetings

IX Old Business

Kathi will make sure that all members have updated ID Badges by the Limerick Drill. Byron will send Tom Jones a list of all current members and their listed responsibility on the EMPC. Jamie mentioned Cary Vargo has resigned as Township Manager; his last day will be November 3. Shanna Lodge will be acting Manager until a replacement is hired.

X New Business

Meeting was turned over to Tony Przychodzien for an overview of key aspects of the Limerick Exercise.

XI Round Table

Julie Hearn-Nicely made a motion to adjourn and Kevin Cook seconded the motion.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathi McGrath
EMPC Secretary