

Upper Uwchlan Township Emergency Management Planning Commission (EMPC)

Meeting Minutes Thursday, June 26, 2020 6:30 PM

I Call to Order

Byron Nickerson called the EMPC meeting to order at 6:03 PM. The following members were in attendance via “Zoom” telephone conferencing: Byron Nickerson, Richard Ruth, Julie Hearn-Nicely, Tom Kelly, Cathy Tomlinson, John DeMarco and Jamie Goncharoff and Bernie Carroll. Also, in attendance was Tony Scheivert, Township Manager (Minutes taken by Cathy Tomlinson in Kathi McGrath’s absence)

II Approval of Previous Minutes

Richard Ruth made a motion for the Draft Meeting Minutes to be approved. Bernie Carroll seconded the motion.

III Fire Services Report

Richard Ruth reported on training for Nursing Home facilities. Also, they will be conducting water rescue exercises on Marsh Creek this evening.

IV Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Report

Nothing new to report

V County Report

Nothing to report, Tony was not in attendance.

VI Training Officer Report

- Incident Command System (ICS) Introductory Training: Richard Ruth presented slides and talked about ICS. During an emergency, all emergency services work together using the ICS structure. ICS model dictates who is in charge of an incident (equipment and people). Byron brought up the relationship between ICS and NIMS (National Incident Management System). The ICS process is used across the entire country so that a common “language” is used and understood by everyone. There are 14 core principles. Everyone understands the chain of command regardless of the size of the incident. ICS is scalable. Jamie asked about Fire Police and John DeMarco explained that they are authorized from their home municipality. The county used the ICS model 10 years ago during the “Halloween ice storm”. Many courses are offered online, free of charge, for EM personnel and interested parties.

VII Pipeline Officer Report

Nothing to report. Tom and Tony will be holding discussions on the pipeline.

VIII Chairman/Coordinator Report

Township Manager Briefing:

Tony stated we are going green. Guidelines must be followed. For youth sports, a letter of insurance is needed. The season will open on July 6 and go through October. The Township will be doing more bathroom cleanings. Tennis is popular now, and all township meetings are on Zoom. In order to enter the township building, you need an appointment. ITServe Alliance donated 250 N95 Masks, 300 surgical masks and 300 non-latex gloves.

IX Old Business

No old business to discuss.

X New Business

- Ongoing and planned protest marches in local communities (West Chester and Downingtown) were discussed. Daily briefings are provided by the county. Mutual aid agreements are in place if other municipalities need police assistance. Everything has been peaceful and problems in Upper Uwchlan are not anticipated.
- John DeMarco talked about the police department's core values and the steps the department has taken to be accredited.
- An ATV is coming in two weeks which the police department was able to get through a grant.

XI Round Table

Nothing to report.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 6:30 PM via Zoom.