MINUTES OF MEETING SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD

The Springfield Township Emergency Services Board held a meeting on Wednesday, December 6, 2023.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30PM

Members present: F. DePaul; Rick Lesniak; Jake Frye; G. Wilmot; L. Flynn; M. Pitkow; C. Baily and Commissioner Lee.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion was made to accept the minutes; they were accepted as submitted.

SPRINGFIELD POLICE: Chief Mike Pitkow

Chief Pitkow discussed the Active Shooter training, engaging the entire Board in regard to their respective roles. EMS has been scheduled for training but due to manpower issues has not participated. Further, there is a question as to what the training involves, specifically tactics and wound care. As EMS is familiar with wound care, a shorter course exclusively on tactics would be most beneficial for both scheduling and training.

As for the Fire Service an Engine is to be dispatched. It was felt the dispatch should be more informative, so the engine does not respond directly into the scene. Chief Pitkow confirmed that in Springfield the Engine should respond and stage away from the scene with the officer walking to the scene. Fire would be utilized for logistics and staging. From experience it was felt that staging would be problematic at best.

AMBLER AMBULANCE: Lt. Larry Flynn

No report (see Active Shooter above)

FLOURTOWN FIRE COMPANY: Chief George Wilmot and Lt. Jake Frye

No report (see Active Shooter above)

WYNDMOOR HOSE COMPANY: Chief Fran DePaul

Chief DePaul related the new rescue truck was in limited service. Christmas Tree lighting is this upcoming Monday night December 11, 2023.

ORELAND FIRE COMPANY: Chief Lesniak

No report (see Active Shooter above)

COMMISSIONER REPORT: Commissioner Jim Lee

Commissioner Lee noted the accomplishments of the BOC over the past several months including: PBA decision under appeal; open space donation program instituted; tank car additional testing /good; Trial Plan (aspirational) adopted; traffic issue on Arlingham; budgets voted on next week....look good. New Commissioners Ed Morris and Beth McNamara.

FIRE MARSHAL: Chuck Baily

No report

OLD BUSINES

None

NEW BUSINESS

FM Baily reviewed several Land Development Plans with the Board:

PECO Roesch Ave.: The trailers are being relocated from Roesch Ave. side of property to Anderson Ave. side of the property. Chief Lesniak shared that the Entrance will be from Anderson Ave. and the emergency entrance will be the current entrance from Roesch. Vegetation along Roesch Ave. will be removed and screening replaced.

Robertson Florists 1301 Mermaid La: The Contractor that had been utilizing a portion of the property has vacated, and the property has been cleaned up. Robertsons is proposing a 25x40 addition to the building and a 40x65 one story storage building.

Mt. St. Josephs Academy: Proposed 32,000 sq foot addition to the rear of the school, requiring the relocation of the driveway and tennis courts. Issues include the relocation of the FDC, fire hydrant, fire access lane width; elevation and building height.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles H. Baily Fire Marshal/Code Enforcement Inspector