MINUTES OF MEETING SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD

The Springfield Township Emergency Services Board held a meeting on Wednesday, June 4, 2025.

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 PM

Members present: F. DePaul; G. Wilmot III; Joelle Lesniak; Jennifer Green-Azeff; M. Pitkow; P. DePaul III and R. Chiarlanza.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion was made (Pitkow, Wilmot III) to dispense with reading of the December minutes; they were accepted as corrected.

Emergency Management: Robert Chiarlanza, EMC

EMC Chiarlanza discussed the emergency management tabletop exercise scheduled for Monday June 23, 2025, at 6:30 pm. Details of the scenario are not being released, and Police, Fire, Public Works, Emergency Management, and EMS will all be attending. Staff were reminded that seating is limited and only encouraged to invite senior members, supervisors, and company level officers to the training. The exercise will be held in the Board Room of the Springfield Township Building. This training is not open to the public.

EMC Chiarlanza asked Board members to update their rosters for 2025 so the Active 911 system for Springfield Township Emergency Management can be updated accordingly.

SPRINGFIELD POLICE: Chief Michael Pitkow

Chief Pitkow discussed a recent Zoom meeting involving the Eastern Montgomery County Police Chief's Association. The discussion focused on parade safety, specifically with the upcoming July 4th Oreland Lions Parade in Springfield. It was agreed that all the necessary safeguards are in place to provide for a safe and enjoyable event for all. EMC Chiarlanza will be submitting an Incident Action Plan to Montgomery County Department of Public Safety for the event.

AMBLER AMBULANCE: Deputy Chief Jennifer Green-Azeff

No report

FLOURTOWN FIRE COMPANY: Chief George Wilmot III

Chief Wilmot reported that the Box Alarm updates for the Ridge Pike section of Springfield Township, also known as the Panhandle, are expected to be implemented over the next 30-45 days.

WYNDMOOR HOSE COMPANY: Chief Francis DePaul

Chief DePaul reported that the annual police & fire car show is scheduled to take place on Saturday, August 23, 2025, from 4 pm to 8 pm.

ORELAND FIRE COMPANY: Deputy Chief Joelle Lesniak

Deputy Chief Lesniak inquired as to the status of updated map books for fire response. The Fire Marshal will follow up with Township staff regarding this request.

COMMISSIONER REPORT: James Lee

Commissioner Lee was unable to attend the meeting

FIRE MARSHAL: Pat DePaul III

Fire Marshal DePaul discussed the new construction of the Towns at Pennybrook, located on Pennybrook Court off Haws Lane. DePaul reported that the homes will all feature residential sprinklers, and all sixteen sprinkler permits have been issued.

Fire Marshal DePaul discussed the fire at Meadowview Rehabilitation, 9209 Ridge Pike, which occurred on Saturday, May 3, 2025. Fire was contained to the bathroom of Room C19 and was extinguished by crews from Flourtown and Barren Hill Fire Companies. The investigation revealed the fire originated in the bathroom ceiling exhaust fan and was determined to be of electrical in nature. Fire Marshal DePaul was assisted in the investigation by Whitemarsh Township Fire Marshal Andrew Thomas and Deputy Fire Marshal John Geliebter.

OLD BUSINESS

Fire Marshal DePaul discussed the previous plan review of the Mount St. Joseph's Field House Addition, specifically the relocation of one fire hydrant and the fire department connection. DePaul will discuss options with the architect and builder and present those findings to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat DePaul Fire Marshal/Code Enforcement Officer