

Joint Public Safety Committee
Longswamp Township, PA
Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2021

Meeting called to order and Pledge to the Flag: 19:02

Roll call (Attendees):

Daryl George, Topton Fire, Assistant Chief

Jason Robinson, Topton Fire, Fire Chief

Mike Richards, Topton Ambulance, Chief

Jennifer Sacks, Seisholtzville Fire, Dep. Chief

Ray Strickland, Seisholtzville Fire, Fire Chief

Mike Salvadge, Emergency Management, Coordinator

Brad Sechler, Emergency Management, Assistant Coordinator

Rex Wessel, Member at Large

Tyrene Christman, Member at Large

Don Hickman, Township Supervisor, Liaison

Elections:

Chairperson: Mike Richards elected

Motion made by Mike Salvadge

Second by Don Hickman

Approved

Co-Chairperson: Jennifer Sacks

Motion made by Mike Salvadge

Second by Don Hickman

Approved

Secretary: Tyrene Christman

Motion made by Jason Robinson

Second by Don Hickman

Approved

Recognition of visitors and citizens: NA

Chair & Board comments: NA

Approval of the minutes of the March 17, 2021 meeting:

Motion made by Don Hickman

Second by Daryl George

Motion carried

Reports of committees/organizations:

Township Supervisor – Don Hickman

He talked about the public safety updates including the township building and Hunsickers Grove with security cameras, computers and phones. Brad Sechler added if we could get a wireless PA system for Park n Rec from the grant from the state. It would be easier to direct a crowd if everyone could hear it. Also could be used for the car shows at Hunsickers and also the ball fields for games.

Township Emergency Management:

Mike Salvadge talked about the township rep. for ID tags was Jennifer. Steve was going to do it. Things got held up by Phil Salamon and that you cannot move people belonging to another company. Stated he thinks there is a photo session available in the Kempton area. Mike Richards added he'd like to have the photo session set up at the ambulance station for everyone. It was also discussed the need for Brad to have a pager, ID and equipment. Don said grant money is available and it's a good time to start. We could possibly get 3 speakers – one for each pavilion and one at the ball field especially due to the increased amount of people at Swampfest. Daryl also suggested to possibly hook the system to a 2 way hand held radio. Mike also asked Brad if he completed any classes. He did the Hazmat course. There is no documentation that he took the course and he wondered if it was paid. He also stated that classes could be done online. Recommended he do the basic ER Manager courses first then advance to PEMA. The N.I.M. – do 100, 200, 700 & 800. Do 300 & 400 later. Classes are held all over.

Seisholtzville Fire Co.:

Ray stated they are going to elect officers for Captain and Lieutenant. In July they will increase an extra night of training. Car cruises are the 4th Wednesday of the month and they had 3 fire fighters move up a class. Jennifer offered to contact the guy who does the ID's for them to do one for Brad.

Topton American Legion Ambulance Service:

This year has been the busiest year yet and he's been there 16 years. Summer is slow. Fundraising is going to be raffle ticket and gun ticket. He thanked everyone who was involved with the barn fire. He would like to have every committee to have a rehab kit. Also discussed the idea of a training institute to teach as many as they can BLS, ACL, PAL's and stop the bleeding. Trying to get more volunteers involved. Currently has a fulltime staff. The run cards should have a new format by 7/1/21.

Topton Fire Co:

Jason stated they're steady. 400 for the year. Covered the barn fire and thanked the ambulance crew for the cooler. Thanked the wives and kids for taking over and selling out of the pork. He praised the landowner for calling in right away. In 10 minutes they had water on the barn. They did slow down due to summer. He talked about getting more kids involved. Starting a Junior Fire Camp in July – the 5th & 6th to the 15th/16th. It'll include first aid, hose line and cutting a car apart.

Old Business:

Two at large

Election

New Business:

We did a recap of Swampfest. Mike Salvadge and Daryl George commented on the current telephone notification system. As of now its calling Mertztown, Harrisburg, Macungie and Alburdis. Don offered the possibility of the 2020 census helping to fix the problem. Portable radio's were also discussed. It was suggested that Brad start practicing the ICS forms. The more practice the better. A first aid bag was discussed and the process if there is an incident. Topton Fire Co. is doing a CPR class on 6/22 at 7pm and a basic first aid course on 6/29 at 7pm. It'll take a couple of hours to do each. Mike Salvadge suggested a drill during the day for the township staff. Have the fire co, ambulance and medical emergency show up and not have it planned. Don would be the only one to know about it. Also discussed to do a stop the bleed and have tourniquets for the road crew as well. Vests were discussed as being needed due to the increase of active shooters. Currently the vests are \$250 each. Mike also asked Don if there was an EMA budget set aside from the general fund and if not if there could be one set aside. There was one years ago but nobody had any idea if there is one now. Don said he would bring it up for discussion since they will be working on the budget sooner than later.

Areas of concern for discussion/suggestion: NA

Date of next meeting: September 15th, 2021 – 7pm.

Adjournment: 19:58