

**West Deptford Township
Emergency Service Coordinating Council
Meeting Minutes June 13, 2016**

The Emergency Services Coordinating Council held their regular meeting on Monday June 13, 2016. Chief Matson called the meeting to order at 1932 hours, then saluted the flag. There was a moment of silence for the victims of the Orlando Florida shooting. Chief Matson also thanked the officers and emergency personnel who saved lives as well. The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and adopted with the following amendments to the Citizens at Large section. 1. Officers changed to firefighters in first sentence. 2. Mr. Nahas shares Chief Matson's issue instead of expressed. A motion was made by Chief Golle to accept the minutes with revision. Motion was seconded by Mr. Powell, all in favor.

In Attendance

Colonial Manor	Rep. Chief Fred Lock	Present
	Alt. Tim Zane	Absent
Greenfields	Rep. Chief Marty Matson	Present
	Alt. Dave Raso	Present
Thorofare	Chief Brian Golle	Present
	Alt. W. Fanslau	Absent
Verga	Rep. Scott Powell	Present
	Alt. Forrest Hammel	Absent
Mayor	Mayor Denice DiCarlo	Absent
Public Safety Chairman	Deputy Mayor James Mehaffey	Present
Mayor's Alternate	Committeeman Adam Reid	Absent
Township Liaison	Cpl. John Chambers	Absent
Citizen at Large	Mike Nahas	Present
Citizen at Large	M. Huesser	Present
Recording Secretary	Latiya Wescott	Present
Emergency Management Coordinator	Joe Gill	Present
Vehicle Maintenance	Troy DePrince	Absent
Public Works	Matt Moore	Absent

Fire Official's Report:

John Austin gave the fire official report for May 2016. Revenue for the month totaled \$23,094. There were five fire investigations for the month.

Fire inspections for the month were as follows:

John Austin (42 with 6 re-inspections) Dave Raso (21 with 4 re-inspections)

He also discussed a recent electrical fire at Club Champagne, all patrons and customers were safely evacuated. Chief Golle had a question regarding the exposure control plan. Mr. Austin provided additional information and stated that there will be a change to the plan forthcoming.

Vehicle Maintenance Report:

No official report. Chief Matson briefly discussed issues with vehicle maintenance and maintenance requests. There needs to be a joint effort between the fire departments and the township to ensure all work is being done.

Mr. Mehaffey mentioned that there was an email sent from Troy prior to the meeting with a brief update on maintenance that was completed and in progress.

Training Committee:

No report

Chief Golle mentioned that there will be two out of town trainings in October. Dates and information will be forthcoming.

SOG:

No report

Township Chief's Meeting:

Chief Matson gave his report. The Chiefs met and discussed several issues including the Master Plan, Active Shooter Training and vehicle maintenance. The Chiefs are planning to meet with the Township Administrator later this month for budget meetings and station tours.

Chief Lock briefly discussed the Active Shooter Training and what role the fire department would play in such an incident. It was acknowledged that it is primarily a police matter but fire should be aware and ready to act in any situation.

A brief discussion followed with Mr. Mehaffey providing some additional insight.

Gloucester County Chief's meeting:

Chief Golle gave his report. The training committee met with the 3rd and final vendor for the burn building. The group will meet again and put together a packet and send out for prices.

Master Plan:

Chief Matson stated that the Master Plan will continue to be worked on over the summer and with an anticipated presentation sometime in September.

OEM:

Joe Gill gave his report. The Emergency Operation Plan is due for renewal and due to the County by the end of November. Annexes will be distributed and any corrections should be returned for inclusion.

The FEMA issue is still ongoing and he is waiting to hear back from them with any updates but is not certain he will get any further than he has. Once reimbursement is given it will be distributed accordingly to each department.

Mayor Comments:

Mayor was out of town on business. Deputy Mayor Mehaffey gave a brief update on the resolution for the fire trucks. The second reading was June 1st so it is now official. He also congratulated Verga on a successful parade.

Public Safety Chairman:

No report

Township Liaison

No report

Citizens at Large:

No report

6-6 Comments

Chief Matson briefly discussed the Verga celebration and donation solicitation. Just as a courtesy all Chiefs should notify neighboring Chiefs if solicitation will occur in their district.

6-3 Comments

Chief Fred Lock mentioned that 6-35 is in service but the brush pump is currently out of service because of a motor issue.

6-2 Comments

Mr. Powell thanked everyone and the Township Committee for supporting 6-2 at their recent event.

6-1 Comments

Chief Golle thanked everyone for their help with the fire on Church Street. There are two sets of gear that are currently out of service and are being sent out for cleaning. The burn unit will be going out for service and will be returned the next day, if an incident arises, 6-1 will reach out to 6-2 for assistance.

Old Business:

Chief Golle briefly mentioned that during the recent Chief's meeting it was mentioned that 6-3 received their new engine and turned over their old unit. He asked 6-2 if they intended to turn over any equipment now that they received their new unit.

Mr. Powell stated that they did not.

There was a discussion among the group on the issue. Chief Matson stated that the fire Chief's should be involved in any discussion on whether equipment is kept or turned over to the Township. The ESSC is driven by the Chief's and any discussions that involve the fire department and township should come through the group.

Mr. Powell stated that 6-2 will be speaking with the Township Administrator on the vehicle.

Chief Golle shared the same thoughts as Chief Matson on the issue and stated that the committee should be involved in any discussions moving forward.

New Business:

No new business

Public Comment

Greg Hurst stated that he believed the Emergency Services Council should represent all fire departments and not each individual fire department representing themselves to the Township Committee. He wanted to know why 6-2 would be allowed to represent themselves.

Chief Matson stated he was not sure and that there will be further discussion on this issue. Mr. Mehaffey stated he would speak with the Township Administrator on the issue.

Mr. Nahas provided additional discussion on the issue as a representative of the citizens of West Deptford Township, he stated that any fire apparatus that was purchased with tax payer money belongs to the taxpayers of the township and regardless of who owns the fire apparatus and holds title to the vehicle, the citizens of the Township spent money and own the vehicle and should get it back.

Chief Golle agreed with Mr. Nahas and stated that precedent was set on this issue last year with another department.

Dave Raso asked Mr. Mehaffey if there were any written vehicle maintenance reports being done within the township and recommended that a spreadsheet is created so that work can be tracked and reported.

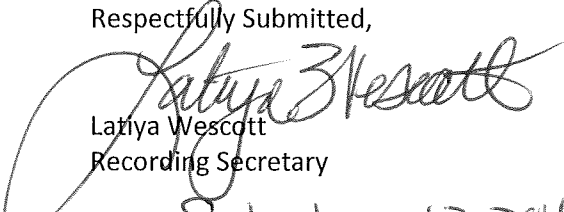
Budd Richey from Budd's Auto repair discussed the bid process and asked for some additional clarification on the bid process.

Chief Matson provided some additional clarification and acknowledged there is some work to be done to streamline the process.

Chief Golle expressed that same sentiments as Chief Matson and stated that the committee wants to maintain FBA recommendations for all vehicles.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Powell and seconded by Chief Lock at 2013 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,


Latiya Wescott
Recording Secretary

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ADOPTED ON: September 12, 2016