

UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TOWNSHIP BUILDING, OLD ZIONSVILLE, PA 18068
APRIL 24, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M.
SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Supervisors; Robert Sentner, Daniel Mohr, George DeVault; Manager, Daniel DeLong; Secretary/Treasurer, AnnaMarie Zeravsky; Emergency Management Coordinator, Bill Stahler; Western District Fire Company Fire Chief, Ira Shade; Citizens Fire Company Assistant Fire Chief, Don Smith; Jason Tapler, Emily Fair, James Krippe, Scott Davis

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Supervisor Sentner announced that the meeting was being recorded to principally aid in the preparation of Minutes and for such other purposes as the Board saw fit. For that reason, any person wanting to give any comments during the meeting should please state his or her name for the record and address the Board of Supervisors.

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the Emergency Management Operations Plan and for other purposes that the Board deems necessary.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Upper Milford Township; Emergency Operations Plan (Discussion)

Everyone in attendance discussed the draft Emergency Operation Plan. Everyone was in agreement that the plan needs to have updated contact information, fire company personnel rosters, equipment lists, and any corrections suggested by Lehigh County Director of Emergency Services, Scott Lindenmuth before approval. There was discussion regarding preplans and contacts list for special facilities within the Township, including Hatfield Meats on Colebrook Avenue.

The Supervisors, EMA Bill Stahler and Fire Chiefs agreed that they should plan on meeting once a year to discuss any updates that need to be made to the plan. Everyone agreed to plan to meet the second meeting in February every year. There will be an addition Special Workshop meeting to further discuss finalizing the plan on Wednesday, May 21, at 7:00 p.m.

Supervisor DeVault noted that he likes and appreciates the fact that the Supervisors and the Fire Chiefs have a better line of communication than they ever had. All Supervisors and Fire Chiefs were in agreement that the Fire Companies and Supervisors should plan to meet on a more regular basis. Supervisor Sentner brought up the possibility of both volunteer Fire Companies merging into one. The Fire Chiefs discussed that there could be benefits and downfalls to a merge of the two Fire Companies. Fire Chief, Ira Shade and Assistant Fire Chief, Don Smith, both noted that recruitment continues to be an issue for both Fire Companies. Supervisor DeVault suggested that when the Supervisors and Fire Chiefs meet that they could discuss possible tax breaks or other incentives for volunteer fire personnel. Supervisor Sentner suggested that both Fire Companies should discuss their

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concerns and needs to be presented to the Supervisors for further discussion and the next meeting on May 21st.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: 8:45 P.M.

Robert C. Sentner, Chairman

Date

AnnaMarie L. Zeravsky, Secretary/Treasurer