

UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TOWNSHIP BUILDING, OLD ZIONSVILLE, PA 18068
May 21, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M.
SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Supervisors; Robert Sentner, Daniel Mohr, George DeVault; Manager, Daniel DeLong; 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, Kevin Klinessmith, Wayne Shade and others

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)

The Board of Supervisors, Fire Chief Sherman, Fire Chief Shade and Township Manager DeLong and EMC Bill Stahler discussed the Emergency Operation Plan and the outcome of the meeting with the Lehigh County EMA Officials. It was concluded to update the current draft with the current Roster information and thereafter. The Board of Supervisors can then adopt the plan. Supervisor Sentner stated that with the current staffing situation this may not happen right away.

2. Buckeye Tank Farm Water Flow Drill.

The Board of Supervisors and the Fire department personnel discussed the Buckeye Tank Farm water flow drill that was conducted on May 10, 2014. The Fire Department members were pleased with the outcome and will build on the results moving forward.

3. Fire Department Personnel Recruitment & Retention

It was suggested that the Township should look into seeing if Active Fire Fighter Members could receive a tax credit of some kind. Kevin Klinessmith provided the Board of Supervisors with information on various degrees of insurance coverage for a Life & Disability policy. Premiums ranged from \$500 to \$2,500 for Both Departments per year.

Supervisor Sentner Quersted what the definition of an Active Firefighter was?

Mike Ruyak questions if the Board of Supervisors could possibly offer a Pension Plan for the long time members. James Krippe stated that an insurance annuity plan would allow for some of the funds to be available for distribution.

4. Open Burning

The Board of Supervisors and the Fire Chiefs' discussed OPEN BURNING and the enforcement/authority. The Chiefs' were of the opinion that they did not have the Authority to Enforce the Open Burning Ordinance regulations. The Board of Supervisors and the Chiefs were in agreement to adopt Rules and Regulations that would prohibit OPEN BURNING during the period of March 15th to May 15th each year, which is generally recognized as the Spring Fire Season. Rather than adopting a Fall Season Prohibition, it was decided to hold off for now as they see how the spring prohibition works.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: 8:02 P.M.

Robert C. Sentner, Chairman

Date

Daniel A. DeLong, Manager