

**BETHEL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
EMERGENCY RESPONDER MEETING MINUTES
August 31, 2016**

The Bethel Township Board of Supervisors Emergency Responder meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Kauffman at 7:17 p.m. in the Bethel Township Meeting Room, Bethel PA.

Attending the meeting were Michael Graby and Carl Kauffman III, Supervisors. Also in attendance were Corey Houser, Carl Weaver, Robert Mease Jr., Lee Groff, Nelson Martin, Todd Szkwarek, Randy Behney and Township Manager Jayne Seifrit.

Ambulance

Nelson Martin stated we need to promote the green address signs. They are very helpful when answering a call; they are visible from a distance.

Nelson Martin stated the construction has not been an issue for the ambulance to date. The upcoming bridges could be more of an issue as they are direct routes in those areas.

Nelson Martin asked for contact information as the season changes, could need assistance because of snow. Jayne said that has been coordinated with the Road Master in the past. Jayne will get the list together to send out by way of email.

Emergency Management Coordinator – Randy Behney

Randy Behney attended training on the alert system. He told those in attendance the steps required to get on the system to register.

Randy Behney stated the Emergency Operation Plan needs to be updated. He will go over what each entity needs to provide after the meeting.

Randy Behney stated National Incident Management System (NIMS) is required for all supervisors, first responders and staff that could be involved if an incident would occur; requirements vary based on what entity you are serving.

Randy Behney asked if back ground checks are being done. Jayne asked that everyone keep rosters current and list for fire police for the resolution current and submit to the Township. If they are not on rosters they may not be covered under workman's comp.

Community Fire Company of Frystown

Lee Groff said they applied for an AFG grant for equipment. They were awarded the grant for \$100,000.00.

Lee Groff mentioned the detours on Route 645 during the construction.

Lee Groff stated the fire dam sign is down and is asking the Township to have the road crew put it back up.

Lee Groff stated they received a Recruitment grant and an extension on the grant; they put up a digital sign with some of the funds.

Union Fire Company of Bethel

Carl Weaver stated there is a contractor repairing the dam walls on the spillway section.

Police Department

Nothing at this time

Unfinished Business

New Business

Lee Groff stated he would like to do joint training with Bethel on the Ladder truck. Safety and proper use is very important.

Lee Groff would like to see "junior" fire fighters have special markings, so someone at a glance can see a junior fire fighter. Robbie Mease stated Bethel's juniors are marked with a sticker on their helmets. Also Lee Groff stated he would like the fire companies to share pictures and qualifications between the fire companies so new personnel can be recognized on a scene as belonging there and their ability to handle a situation.

Lee Groff also asked to be included on the run cards for their ladder truck. He stated the fire companies within a township should be the ones to back each other or provide equipment the other doesn't have; not taking other companies off run card just have the other fire company within the township roll first.

Corey Houser asked when the radios are paid for. Jayne stated it may be this year or next, she will know when the budget is being prepared. She will check and let everybody know. Corey Houser stated the donations haven't changed for eight years. He would like to see an increase. Jayne stated the fuel allotment was increased. Lee Groff pointed out it was raised when the gas prices were high. Jayne stated, that since gas prices are lower, the allotment has not decreased.

Public Comment

Adjournment

Adjourned about 8:08 after Mike Graby motioned and Carl Kauffman seconded to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted
Jayne K Seifrit

