The Bethel Township Board of Supervisors Emergency Responder meeting was called to order by Chairman Jacob Meyer at 7:01 p.m. in the Bethel Township Meeting Room, Bethel PA.

Attending the meeting were Mike Graby and Jake Meyer, Supervisors. Also, in attendance were, Barry Hower, Nate Meyer, Ryan Murphy, Bryan Dronick, Randy Behney, Jeffry Ringler, Travis Musser, Thomas Hassler, Lisa Hassler, David Brown, Carl Weaver, Dave Omstead, Gerald Bowman and Township Secretary Treasurer Jayne Seifrit.

Hearing of Visitors

Ambulance

Jake Meyer stated they had spoken recently so he is on the same page. Jayne Seifrit asked if there is anything they would like to share for the minutes. Jeffrey Ringler stated the ambulance now have two full time and two part time paid staff members. The volunteers are dwindling. Jake Meyer asked if there is a projection of when it would be a fully paid staff operation. Jeffrey Ringler said he projects in two years it could be all paid. Carl Weaver said he is on the board for the ambulance and they are doing incentives within the ambulance to try and keep and get volunteers. Jake Meyer stated he is in contact with Representatives and Senators on the state and federal level with the library. He would be happy to share the contacts if it would assist the Ambulance.

Emergency Management Coordinator – Randy Behney

Randy Behney asked about the radios, are they being used. There is another radio in the office. Travis Musser stated Frystown has one and the other one is at the Bethel Fire Company. He said they would be interested in the third radio.

Randy Behney asked about the background checks and child abuse checks, have they been turned in. Jayne Seifrit stated it was determined at a prior meeting they would be submitted to the EMA so they can be locked up in the cabinet.

Randy Behney stated there is a good emergency responder class that is offered. It always seems to be an hour or so away from the Township. He said they are always looking for hosts for the meetings, maybe it could happen here in Bethel Township. Ryan Murphy will look into the possibility and give the information to the Board of Supervisors.

Community Fire Company of Frystown

David Omstead said the two trucks are here and the one is in service with the other one coming on in about a month. The Fire Company held a soup sale, David Lapp came and presented them with a substantial donation stemming from the accident the fire company responded to involving family members. David Omstead said he would like to split the donation between the responders. He will get with them at a later date. Travis Musser stated they are looking to sell the enclosed trailer. It is on their Facebook page. Jake Meyer stated they could get us the information and we could add it to our website.
Union Fire Company of Bethel

Carl Weaver stated the 2007 pumper is about a month from being in service. There will be training on how to use the apparatus. Gary Zimmerman stated they have gotten saws for the trucks.

Police Department

Ryan Murphy stated he has nothing to report at this time.

Unfinished Business

Workman’s Compensation forms – Jayne Seifrit had available a form to be completed if an injury occurs. The areas to be completed were highlighted. Clean copies were also available for pick up. It was stated how important it is to fill them out in a timely fashion, even if you don’t think the injury will amount to anything. It can be sent in and sit in limbo. It was stated it needs to be turned into the Township for processing.

Rosters – Jayne Seifrit stated it is important to have updated rosters. If you need to send one every day because of changes or if things haven’t changed then the one at the beginning of the year is fine.

New Business

Carl Weaver asked about the Child Abuse clearance website. He is unable to access. Travis Musser stated he will get to Carl Weaver the step by step sheet he has.

Public Comment

Adjournment

Adjourned about 7:25 after Mike Graby motioned and Jake Meyer seconded to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted

Jayne K Seifrit