

**WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP  
EMERGENCY SERVICE BOARD  
AGENDA  
SPRING MILL FIRE COMPANY FIRE COMPANY  
WEDNESDAY APRIL 19, 2023  
7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**TIME:** \_\_\_\_\_

- 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- March 8, 2023 meeting**
- 2. ANNOUNCEMENTS/CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS**
- 3. FIRE MARSHAL (Vacant)/EMC (Chief Ward) REPORT**
- 4. CHIEF REPORTS**
  - a. Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company
  - b. Spring Mill Fire Company
  - c. Whitemarsh Ambulance
  - d. Whitemarsh Police
- 5. TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT**
- 6. PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
- 7. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**
- 8. CIVILIAN COMMENTS**
- 9. TRAINING**
- 10. OLD BUSINESS**
  - Emergency Services Board Amended Ordinance
  - Fireworks Standby Fee for Volunteer Fire Companies
- 11. NEW BUSINESS**
- 12. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING – June 21, 7:00 PM at Barron Hill  
Volunteer Fire Company**
- 13. ADJOURNMENT**

**TIME** \_\_\_\_\_

# WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD

**MARCH 8, 2023**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

John Lukens chaired the meeting beginning at 7:00p.m. at Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company

In attendance:

Rick Mellor, Jr., Twp. Manager  
Fran McCusker, BOS Rep  
Jack Fields, Public Works Director  
Chris Ward, Chief WTPD  
Rebecca Werner, Chief, WCAA  
Chris Schwartz, Chief, BHFC  
Renard Rose, President, BHFC  
Wayne Masters Jr., Chief, SMFC  
John Pierce, President, SMFC  
John Lukens, Chair  
Eileen Behr, Vice Chair  
Chad Waters, Civilian Rep.  
Alex DiGiacomo, Jr, Civilian Rep  
Carol Proud, Civilian Rep  
2 Members of the Public

### **REORGANIZATION OF THE ESB FOR 2023**

- The election of the ESB Chair and ESB Vice Chair was held.

Alex DiGiacomo, Jr nominated John Lukens Chair and Eileen Behr as Vice Chair and Chad Waters seconded the motion.

It was approved by unanimous vote.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Renard Rose made a motion and Eileen Behr seconded to approve the minutes as submitted.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS / CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS**

- John Lukens thanked members of the ESB board and emergency services for their support of his Chairmanship.

- Discussed the recent events of the train derailment in East Palenstine, Ohio and if we are prepared for this kind of event here. He questioned is the County should assist in a table top exercise for the Township.
  - Alex DiGiacomo, Jr asked if the Township receives notice toxic or other type of waste transported through the Township. RLM - No requirement but we know it occurs on the Norfolk Southern rail line through the Township

**FIRE MARSHAL / EMC REPORT**, Nick Weaver, FM (resigned from position effective February 3<sup>rd</sup>)

- Report attached.
- Eileen Behr asked about the status of the after action report of Hurricane Ida. RLM would look into it and report back.

Motion made by John Pierce and seconded by Renard Rose to accept the Fire Marshal's report, as submitted.

It was approved by unanimous vote.

**CHIEF REPORTS**

**District # 29 – Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company**, Chris Schwartz, Chief and Renard Rose, President

- Report attached
- Chair Lukens asked about the status of the cell tower behind BHVFC  
President Rose explained the work was substantially complete

**District # 45 – Spring Mill Fire Company**, Wayne Masters, Chief and John Pierce, President

- Report attached.

**Whitemarsh Ambulance**, Rebecca Werner, Chief

- Report attached
- Chief Werner working with Meals on Wheels if they need assistance in drivers. If fire companies are interested they can reach out to her.

**Whitemarsh Police**, Christopher Ward, Chief of Police

- April 22<sup>nd</sup> is Township Day and also Drug Take Back at the Police Station
- Participated in a meeting with Eastern Montgomery County Emergency Management Working Group.

- They are working on renewing their Eastern County MOU with the municipalities.
- Also another MOU about DRONE usage
- Discussed training for high water rescue
- Started planning for the 2024 EDITS Conference
- Lt. Jeff Nowak retired effective Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>

A motion was made by John Pierce and seconded by Carol Proud to approve the Chief's reports as submitted. It was approved by unanimous vote.

**TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT**, Rick Mellor

- Report attached.
- Rick gave an update on the Ridge Pike widening project
- Rick has posted the Fire Marshal/Emergency Management Coordinator position. Applications are due by March 17<sup>th</sup>. Will fill the position in the near future.

Chief Schwartz asked a question about the type of barrier that will be used along Ridge Pike for lane restriction. Township would reach out to the County to get clarification.

**PUBLIC WORKS**, Jack Fields, Director of Public Works

- No report

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**, Fran McCusker BOS Representative

- Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> participated in a reading event at Whitmarsh Elementary School. He appreciated the presence of the Fire and Police being at the event as well. Good for the community to see them.
- Township considering plastic bag ban ordinance. Will most likely occur in the fall of 2023
- Requested dates from Fire and Ambulance in which we could have pizza delivered and stop by the stations to talk with the members.

**CIVILIAN COMMENTS**

- No civilian comments

**TRAINING**

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Eileen Behr asked about the fireworks ordinance some potential amendments. She would reach out to the Township Manager to discuss.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

### **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

The next meeting of the Emergency Services Board is scheduled for 7:00pm on Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the Spring Mill Fire Company.

### **ADJOURMENT**

Motion by Alex DiGiacomo, Jr and seconded by Chad Waters to adjourn the meeting. It was approved by unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.



## Whitemarsh Township Emergency Services Board

April 19, 2023

### Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company Report



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#### Operation Statistics – Fire Chief Chris Schwartz

##### ○ 2023 Year-to-Date – January 2023 to March 2023

- Calls for Service – 139 Calls for Service
  - 1,391 Personnel Response Hours
- Training – 14 Monday Night Trainings – 289 Training Participants
  - 867 Weekly Personnel Training Hours
- Special Services – 14 Special Services – 65 Personnel Participating
  - 162.5 Special Service Personnel Hours
  - **TOTAL Volunteer Hours – 2,420.5 Hours\***
    - *\*This number does not include Monthly membership meetings, Board and Committee Meetings & Training classes outside of the weekly Monday night training exercises*

##### ○ March 2023 – 733.5 Volunteer Hours

- **44 Calls for Service – 413 Responders – 413 Volunteer hours**
  - *Notable Responses*
    - Building Fires – 6
    - Standby for Another Company - 1
    - Rapid Intervention Team Responses – 2
    - Rescue - 3
    - Medical Assists – 2
- **4 Training Nights – 86 Training Participants – 258 Volunteer Hours**
  - Hazmat Ops Refresher x2
  - Ladder Company Operations
  - Hose Line Advancement
- **4 Special Services – 25 Special Service Participants – 62.5 Volunteer Hours**
  - Smoke Detector Installation
  - One School, One Book at Whitemarsh Elementary School
  - Station Maintenance x2

## **Operations Report**

- Our apparatus committee is still working on our Tower Ladder Replacement project. The committee is considering four vendors. It is expected that the cost of the new Tower Ladder will be about \$2,000,000. We initiated a campaign fundraiser in January that has seen poor returns. Our campaign goal is \$600,000 which represents approximately 33.3% of the overall cost.
  - TOTAL # of Solicitations Sent – 6,246
    - 5,280 Residential Addresses
    - 966 Business Addresses
  - TOTAL # of Solicitations Returned – 538
    - 507 from Residential Addresses
    - 31 from Business Addresses
  - TOTAL % of the Campaign Goal Received to Date
    - 7.5%
- We have conducted interviews with the twelve candidates that applied for our open full-time house engineer position. 2<sup>nd</sup> interviews were afforded to six candidates. We hope to have a candidate in place before May 1, 2023, and possibly be able to add additional part-time candidates to our staff from this group.

## **Administration – President Renard Rose**

- No Report

## **Training**

- Rail Training
  - Scheduled for Monday, May 8, 2023, at 7:00pm at the Barren Hill Fire Company. The training will cover response, size up, safety considerations, initial action plan, and response procedures.
  - Please RSVP with an approximate number of attendees if your agency will be participating.
  - The Montgomery County Hazmat Team is working on training programs with commercial rail companies that will be rolled out at a later date.
  - BHVFC's Training Chief is working with SEPTA to schedule training for passenger trains and buses. More on that at a later date.

## **BHVFC / SMFC Joint Projects**

- No Report



# **SPRING MILL FIRE COMPANY NO. 1**

WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP - MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA - STATION 45  
1210 EAST HECTOR STREET CONSHOHOCKEN, PA 19428  
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## **Whitemarsh Township Emergency Services Board**

### **Spring Mill Fire Company No. 1 Report**

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

#### **A. Operations - Fire Chief Wayne Masters**

1. **Calls for Service - December 2022 - March 2023**
  - a) Calls for Service - **92**
  - b) Total Personnel in Attendance - **873** - Average Attendance - **9**
  - c) Time in service - **44 hours 32 minutes** - Total Volunteer Hours - **464.13**
2. **Training - December 2022 - March 2023**
  - a) Training Sessions - **17**
  - b) Total Personnel in Attendance - **416**- Average Attendance - **24**
  - c) Training time in service - **44 hours 30 minutes** - Total Volunteer Training Hours - **900.50 Volunteer Hours.**
3. **Special Services -December 2022 -March 2023**
  - a) Special Service Calls - **22**
  - b) Total Personnel in Service - **106** - Average Attendance - **5**
  - c) Time in Service **49 hours 16 minutes** - Total Volunteer Hours **275.02**
4. Combined Total volunteer hours provided YTD to the residents of Whitemarsh Township and surrounding communities. -**1639.65 hours**
5. **Calls of Interest -December 2022 - March 2023**
  - a) 6 Building Fires
  - b) 3 Gas Leak - Inside Commercial Structure
  - c) 4 Cardiac Arrest assists
  - d) 3 Standby with Ladder 45 at Station 27B
  - e) Assist EMS with lift assists
  - f) Air Cascade assist in Lower Gwynedd Township
  - g) 1 Dumpster
  - h) 2 Rescues - 1 cat in a tree and 1 teenager's finger stuck in the wall
  - i) 2 Broken water pipes in the building
  - j) 1 Fatal pedestrian struck by a vehicle
  - k) 1 Hazardous Material Incident

#### **B. Upcoming Events -**

1. Township Day - April 22, 2023 - 12:00 - 17:00 - Victory Fields





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## C. 2022 Year-end Report

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR OF 2022						
	ALARMS	SPECIALS	TRAININGS			
NUMBER	236	103	52			
DAY/NIGHT	152 - 84	80 - 23	5 - 47			
TOTAL IN ATTENDANCE	1453 - 1048 - 2501	386 - 161 - 547	46 - 1118 - 1164			
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	10 - 12 - 11	5 - 7 - 5	9 - 24 - 22			
TOTAL TIME IN SERVICE	124 Hours 24 Mins	304 Hours 16 Mins	119 Hours 15 Mins			
TYPE OF INCIDENT		APPARATUS RESPONSE MILEAGE & FUEL				FIRE DISTRICT
		TRUCK	MILEAGE	DIESEL	GAS	
<u>4</u> APPLIANCE	<u>1</u> GENERAL RESCUE					<u>149</u> 45
<u>5</u> ASSIST EMS	HAZARDOUS MAT.					<u>23</u> 29
<u>13</u> BUILDING – COMMERCIAL	HELICOPTER LANDING					<u>26</u> 55
<u>13</u> BUILDING – NON-COMM.	OFFICERS INVEST.					<u>1</u> 43
<u>13</u> BUILDING INVESTIGATION	PUBLIC SERVICE					<u>5</u> 44
<u>12</u> CARBON MONOXIDE	PUMP DETAIL					56
<u>7</u> CARDIAC ARREST	RESIDENTIAL RESCUE					<u>1</u> 24
<u>3</u> CASCADE ASSIST	SEARCH					<u>22</u> 27
<u>38</u> DISPATCH AND RECALL	<u>9</u> STAND-BY					<u>4</u> 7
<u>8</u> ELECTRICAL FIRE OUTSIDE	TECHNICAL RESCUE					<u>1</u> 6
<u>2</u> ELEVATOR EMERGENCY	<u>1</u> TRASH/DUMPSTER					OTHER
ELEVATOR RESCUE	UNKNOWN TYPE FIRE					<u>2</u> 22
<u>9</u> FIELD FIRE/MULCH	<u>3</u> VEHICLE ACC..STAND BY					<u>1</u> 82
<u>64</u> FIRE ALARM	VEHICLE ACC.. W/ INJ.					<u>1</u> 68
FIRE INVESTIGATION	<u>1</u> VEHICLE FIRE					53
FLUIDS ON THE ROAD	VEHICLE LEAKING FUEL					
<u>17</u> GAS ODOR INSIDE COMM	<u>1</u> VEHICLE RESCUE					
<u>3</u> GAS ODOR INSIDE NON-COMM	<u>2</u> WATER RESCUE					
<u>7</u> GAS ODOR OUTSIDE						
		MARINE UNITS HOURS IN SERVICE				
		BOAT 45		BOAT 45-2		
		BOAT 45-1		BOAT 45-3		

D.

## E. Administration - President John Pierce

1. Planning events for the 100th Anniversary



# WHITEMARSH COMMUNITY AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION

SERVING WHITEMARSH TOWNSHIP SINCE 1956

P.O. BOX 376  
4019 JOSHUA RD

LAFAYETTE HILL, PA 19444-1414

April 2023

## Calls/Stats

<b>Jan-Mar</b>	<b>Transports</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>Total 911 and TX</b>
2015	350	455	805
2016	622	488	1110
2017	500	456	956
2018	524	551	1075
2019	522	563	1085
2020	489	494	983
2021	532	466	998
2022	473	617	1090
2023	510	700	1210

## Call Stats

### February

- 911: 220
- Non-emergency: 179
- Month Total: 399

### March

- 911: 238
- Non-emergency: 170
- Month Total: 408

## Con-Ed/Training

- Narcan admins 2023: 7
- Blood Draws 2023: 7
- Toradol admins for pain management 2023: 2
- Ketamine 2023: 0
- NIMS 300 & 400
- ACLS and PALS
- WLL/Softball
- We are available to instruct CPR classes. If you know anyone who is interested, please let me know.



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## 318 Trucks

- We are still looking for somewhere to park two of our ambulances. If you have any suggestions, please let me know.
- 318-4 will be delivered this month

## Standbys

## Misc

- Teddy

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca Werner  
Chief of Operations