

**West Deptford Township
Emergency Service Coordinating Council
Reorganization Meeting Minutes * January 12, 2015**

The Emergency Services Coordinating Council held their reorganization meeting on Monday January 12, 2015. Chief Nordaby called the meeting to order at 1934 hours, he then saluted the Flag. At this time the group offered a moment of silence for deceased Verga fireman, Timothy Gamble.

In Attendance

Colonial Manor	Rep. Chief Kevin Nordaby	Present
	Alt. Thomas Pickering II	Present
Greenfields	Rep. Chief Marty Matson	Present
	Alt. Dave Raso	Present
Thorofare	Rep. Chief Phil Zimm	Present
	Alt. Brian Golle	Present
Verga	Rep. Scott Powell	Present
	Alt. Forrest Hammel	Absent
Mayor	Mayor Denice DiCarlo	Present
Public Safety Chairman	Deputy Mayor James Mehaffey	Present
Mayor's Alternate	Committeeman Adam Reid	Absent
Township Liaison	Mark Boucher	Present
Citizen at Large	Mike Nahas	Present
Citizen at Large	Chief Samuel DiSimone	Absent
	Cpl. Richard Henry	Present
Recording Secretary	Robert S. Cargill II	Present
Emergency Management Coordinator	Joe Gill	Present
Vehicle Maintenance	Troy DePrince	Absent
Public Works	Matt Moore	Present

The Council began the election of 2015 officers as follows.

- ❖ Chief Nordaby made a motion to nominate Chief Zimm as Chairman. This motion was seconded by CAL Nahas. All were in favor.
- ❖ Chief Nordaby made a motion to nominate Chief Matson as Vice Chairman. This motion was seconded by CAL Nahas. All were in favor.
- ❖ Chief Nordaby made a motion to nominate Robert S. Cargill II as Secretary. This motion was seconded by Chief Matson. All were in favor.
- ❖ Michael Nahas, Citizen-At-Large member (CAL); Mark Boucher, as Township Liaison; Chief Zimm, as Chairman; Chief Matson, as Vice Chairman; and Robert Cargill, as Recording Secretary were each sworn in, respectively by Mayor DiCarlo.
- ❖ Chief Matson motioned to accept the official meeting dates as the second Monday of each month as for 2015, exceptions are no meetings in July and August, and the third Monday in October. This motion was seconded by Chief Nordaby.

After review of the minutes, Chief Zimm asked for a motion to approve the December 8, 2014 minutes. Chief Nordaby made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted, which was seconded by CAL Nahas.

Fire Official's Report:

Mr. Austin reviewed the Fire Official attached report, and reminded all of the Hepatitis B schedule for vaccines and titers.

SOG:

Mr. Nissenzone will have a report prepared for the next ESCC meeting.

Vehicle Maintenance Report:

Mr. Moore reported that air-packs are complete and he send results to each of the Chiefs. Chief Zimm stated his vehicle broke down and inquired about the plan for regular service.

Training Committee:

Mr. Harris stated the 2-part study is set to begin January 20 at 7pm at 6-1; the 2nd part will be held on January 21 at 6-3. The Training Committee will meet again on January 28 at 7pm at 6-3. Verga will be hold mandatory training ion each 2nd Tuesday starting February. Mr. Austin stated each of the 4 companies are compliant with training standards as outlined in the Township Code, and is on file in the Fire Marshal's office.

Township Chief's Meeting:

Chief Nordaby provided an overview of the meeting, which consisted of a county wide meeting, the use of an outside local and rationale, grants and matches thereof and Township assistance. Also discussed company introductions and shared drills.

Gloucester County Chief's meeting:

None

Township Liaison:

None

Mayor Comments:

Mayor DiCarlo stated that she is excited to learn more about this aspect of the Township and wanted all ESCC members and Chief's to know they can reach out to discuss comments or recommendations.

Public Safety Chairman:

Deputy Mayor Mehaffey stated his appreciation of the volunteers of the fire companies and said he is happy to be back serving on the ESCC.

Mayor's Alternate:

None

Citizens at Large:

CAL Nahas stated that he hopes the ESCC continues to moves forward in the same spirit as previous years. He also clarified that all Hep B infections will be covered under Workman's Comp whether they decline or not. Mayor DiCarlo requested this opinion is offered in writing.

Master Plan:

None

OEM:

Mr. Gill reported he will attend a quarterly meeting in the beginning of February.

Old Business:

Chief Zimm revisited the talks of a merger of Verga (6-2) and Colonial Manor (6-3). Mr. Harris stated that 6-3 has not had further discussion amongst their members based on the notion that 6-2 was not interested in the idea of a merger. Scott Powell stated the position of 6-2 losing their identity therefore not being interested. Chief Zimm motioned and CAL Nahas seconded to appoint a subcommittee to investigate and make a final recommendation of a merge of 6-2 and 6-3, consisting of a member from each company, 5 members, monthly reports, and a 5 month deadline. Motion carried by a 6-2 vote. The members shall be Scott Powell, CAL Nahas, Chief DiSimone, Mark Boucher, and Chief Nordaby.

New Business:

Chief Matson provided a training schedule for 2015 and offered an invitation for all to get more involved. He also talked about a request that he will be making to the Township for reimbursement to FEMA grants, and noted that all grants are beneficial to all companies, not just Green-Fields.

Chief Zimm stated that he is passing around a rehab plan that will be forwarded to the County Chief's meeting.

Chief Zimm asked Mr. Powell about an incident regarding a driver not being affiliated with the fire company. Mr. Powell highlighted the credentials of the driver in question. However, this is listed specifically in the SOGs and Chief Zimm requested all members read up on this as it jeopardizes the safety of those on site and the Township's insurance. Mr. Mehaffey questioned the Township's policy and procedures on licensed drivers of Township vehicles and supports Chief's Zimm request to follow all SOGs.

Public Comment:

Mr. Harris thanked the ESCC for engaging the discussion of a merger.

Mr. Charles Umba asked the ESCC to consider a 4-company response at least in the daytime hours for the best response time on all day time calls. Mr. Mehaffey stated that he supports this recommendation from his years as Police Chief.

Motion to adjourn made by Chief Nordaby and seconded by Chief Matson 2034 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert S. Cargill II
Recording Secretary

ADOPTED ON: Feb. 9, 2015

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TO: Emergency Services Council
FROM: John H. Austin, Fire Official
DATE: January 12, 2015
RE: Report for the Bureau of Fire Prevention: December 2014

REVENUE

Life Hazard Fees:	\$ 0
Local Business Fees:	\$ 0
Permit Fees:	\$ 1,204.00
Other Penalty/Reports:	\$ 0
TOTAL:	\$ 1,204.00

INSPECTIONS/REINSPECTIONS

John	Dave
14/2	8/3

FIRE INVESTIGATIONS/COMPLAINTS: 12/ 22 850 Lawton Ave. Dwelling

New Business: N/A

TOTAL MONEY FOR THE YEAR AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2014: \$140,587.88