

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

LEPC

SEPTEMBER 7, 2016

Bill Hillanbrand called the meeting to order at 10:04 A.M.

The following members were present:

Nick Tylenda	Mike Rampulla	Rick Weaver	Len Hoben	Joseph Fittos
Scott Soden	Robert Maier	Nicole Burton	Erik Roberts	Matt Dietz
Ted Veresink	Dave Malloy	Bill Hillanbrand	Nina Johnson	Corinne Trembler
Ron Hulsizer	Kathleen McVeigh	John Bast	Jeff Steiert	Todd Weaver

Bill began the meeting saying as there were some new people in attendance he requested the membership to introduce themselves.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bill Hillanbrand asked for public comment. There being none, Bill moved to the next agenda item.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 1st, 2016 MEETING MINUTES:

Minutes of the June 1st, 2016 meeting were distributed to the membership for review. Ted Veresink introduced a motion to approve the meeting minutes, second by John Bast. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mike Rampulla presented the financial report. As of September 7, 2016, the budgetary opening balance was \$81,789.99. Revenue - \$2,575.37 (County Cost Reimbursement) for a total of \$84,365.36. Expenditures – Reference Books \$7,320.00, Staff training \$82.38, Telephone Expense \$2,852.73, Minor Equipment \$2,294.24, Security and Safety Supplies \$3,918.75, Food \$486.98, Motor Vehicle Repairs \$104.00, Staff Travel \$2,897.17 Professional Services \$30,000.00, Repair and Maintenance Equipment \$455.00. Total Expenditures \$50,411.25. Ending Balance \$33,954.11.

Bill Hillanbrand asked Mike Rampulla to provide a breakdown of the minor equipment that was purchased. Mike replied the purchases included; Foam, PVC pipe, spill pool, PID meter and calibrator. Bill said due to county reporting a mannequin is not reflected on the report. Rick Weaver said the mannequin is used for rescue training at the Northampton County Fire School. Corinne Trembler introduced a motion to accept the Financial Report, second by Kathleen McVeigh. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mike Rampulla reported PEMA has suspended funding for all G Series course training. At the moment the only local fire related training being provided is at the Northampton County Fire School for courses that were previously scheduled.

Rick Weaver said the Fire School will run an Awareness Course beginning on September 26th, 2016, at the Fire School and October 3rd, 2016, at the Northampton County EOC. A Hazmat Operations course will be held at Klecknersville Rangers beginning on September 7th, 2016, and also at the Fire School on October 9th, 2016.

Bill Hillanbrand said John Kalynych was unable to attend today's meeting and provide Lehigh County's training report.

John Bast reported they used a drone that Lehigh County had recently purchased for a large factory fire in the City of Easton and it proved to be very helpful.

Bill Hillanbrand said he and Mike Rampulla keep inquiring to PEMA requesting guidance on recertifying our six Radiological Officers (RO'S). Mike said PEMA recently hired a new training officer and hopefully PEMA will be able to provide direction.

Mike Rampulla said he is looking into scheduling a Radiological (MERRTT) class in the near future.

Bill Hillanbrand said he recently took some 1960's radiological equipment to the New Jersey State Police for recalibration. Six of the ten personal dosimeters are no longer useable. He said he would like to purchase six Pencil Dosimeters and a charger to replace the defective units. The unit cost of the dosimeter is \$167 and \$263 for a charger (Model AT-909). After a short discussion on the features of the various available chargers John Bast recommended purchasing two chargers. Joe Fittos introduced a motion to purchase six Pencil Dosimeters (Model AT-138) at a unit cost of \$167 and two Dosimeter Chargers (Model AT-909) at a unit cost of \$263. Second by John Bast. Motion carried.

Bill Hillanbrand reported he saw an interesting safety item while attending the Baltimore Hazmat conference. Called "Flow Stop" it is a football looking sponge that is used for plugging leaks. He plans on researching the product as it may be an item that we may want to purchase in the future.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bill Hillanbrand said he always has a concern about hazmat/spill incidents on the river. Northampton County is boarded by the Lehigh and Delaware Rivers. At past meetings John Bast had suggested bringing in a private company that could provide boom deployment training to local emergency responders. Bill said there are two companies in the area that provide emergency response/clean-up activities and he invited them to the meeting to offer them an opportunity to introduce themselves and the type of services they can provide to us.

Bill Hillanbrand said JMT Response, who has provided service to PPL was not able to attend today's meeting. He then introduced Scott Soden, a representative of Rapid Response. Mr. Soden said the company is located on Route 329 in Northampton Borough. He said they are a part of and co-located with EWMI. Additionally, they are able to provide emergency response and environmental management solutions. Rapid Response has five employees while EWMI has eighty-three employees who are able to provide a multitude of services, i.e. response, personnel, drivers, lab tech's etc. He added they have received PEMA certification. He also reviewed some of the major equipment and supplies they have on hand and some of the incidents they have responded to. He pointed out they maintain working relationships with other companies such as JMT. He offered to host a future LEPC meeting at their facility.

Kathleen McVeigh asked if Northampton County has a contract with Rapid Response. Todd Weaver replied the County does not have a contract with them.

Bill Hillanbrand said the reason he invited the company representatives was to identify potential assets that are available for our responders.

Dave Malloy asked Scott Soden if they knew where all the drinking water intakes are on the rivers. There was a short discussion between the parties to verify the intake locations.

Ted Veresink asked Scott Soden for a clarification concerning the eighty-five employees, as to their positions. Scott replied they have four designated teams available 24/7. Examples of positions they cover include chemist, drivers, lab technicians, remediation group, soil division, which is based in New York, contaminated soil transport and tech service division.

Bill Hillanbrand said he and Mike Rampulla were observers at a boom deployment exercise at the Interstate Energy facility on the Delaware River.

Bill Hillanbrand introduced OSHA representative Leonard Hoben. He asked the committee to consider nominating him for membership as he will be our new local OSHA contact. Bill introduced a motion to approve Mr. Hoben as a LEPC member. Second by John Bast. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoben said he is part of OSHA's National Response Team. He is part of the safety function and performs facility inspections. He stressed that he/OSHA are available, if needed, bringing assets and resources. Also they are available to participate in exercises.

Bill Hillanbrand said he would like to set up a meeting comprising representatives from Lehigh County to develop an "awareness" brochure targeting local emergency responders on handling and where to transport contaminated patients. Corinne Trembler said the North East Task Force is also discussing this issue.

Bill Hillanbrand said the next Hazardous Household Waste Event will be held on October 8th, 2016, at the Northampton Community College's Main Campus in Bethlehem Township from 8:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Bill Hillanbrand announced the following dates for the regular scheduled 2016-2017 LEPC meetings: December 7, 2016, March 1, June 7 and September 2, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. in the Emergency Operations Center. A committee member questioned the March 1 date as that is a Saturday. Bill noted the error and said the meeting date will be on March 6, 2017.

Bill Hillanbrand asked Scott Soden if it would be possible to hold the March 6th meeting at Rapid Response. Scott replied the LEPC is welcome to use their facility for a meeting.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Jeff Steiert said following the June 1st meeting he requested and received a quote in the amount of \$881.78 for a CO2 meter. He added there is only one manufacture that makes this meter. Corinne Trembler introduced a motion to purchase the meter. Second by Rick Weaver. Motion carried.

Dave Malloy said DEP declared a Drought Watch for 34 Pennsylvania Counties on August 2nd, 2016.

Eric Roberts reported the Bethlehem EMT's have been integrated into the Bethlehem's Hazmat Team.

Mike Rampulla said a four hour Train the Trainer “Trailing” course will be held on September 14th.

Nina Johnson (Red Cross) informed the committee Ben Pearlman will be her replacement.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 11:10 A.M.