

**TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

March 14, 2013

Meeting Minutes

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm, and read the following statement:
“As Chairman and Presiding Officer of this meeting of the Local Emergency Planning Committee, I hereby declare that the notice requirements of the law have been satisfied by prominently posting on the Township bulletin board a notice of this meeting, and that there has been transmitted by regular mail a notice to the Asbury Park Press and that a copy is on file in the Office of the Township Clerk. I further order that this public announcement be placed be placed in the minutes of this meeting.”

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: OEM Chief Kevin Sauter, Committeeman Jim Schatzle, Fire Chief Rich Galinski, First Aid Captain Frank Valentino, Michael Burke. Also present was secretary Rae Behrens.

ABSENT: Al Yodakis Jr., Charles Karcher, Deputy OEM Phil Maida, Lt. Frank Leccese

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the March 1, 2012 and February 7, 2013 were reviewed and motion to accept the minutes was made by Chief Galinski and seconded by Captain Valentine. The minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Sauter reviewed the meeting dates and locations for future meetings all members approved. They are as follows:

- April 25th @ CNFC # 1
- July 25th @ CNFA
- October 24 @ CNFC #2

NEW BUSINESS (continued)

C.E.R.T: Community Emergency Response Team

Chief Sauter introduced the possibility of Colts Neck starting our own C.E.R.T in light of the two most recent storm emergencies. Frank Valentino raised the question about a Mutual Aid type CERT or a County wide program. Chief Sauter did not have that information but would check on it. Jim Schatzle said during the last storm everything ran smoothly for the most part but it could have been better if we had more residents involved to assist emergency services. Chief Sauter will ask Deputy OEM Phil Maida to research the issue and the committee can decide how to proceed once we have all the facts.

The Colts Neck Police will be switching radio frequencies to digital but the new radios will be capable of using VHF also. Several discussions on how the Town could best utilize the existing frequency were discussed. It was agreed that frequency would be best utilized as Colts Neck Emergency Channel (Police, Fire, First Aid) only. Current police mobile radios will go to DPW. Current police portable radios will go to Fire and First Aid.

The Township Committee has asked Chief Sauter to handle the purchasing and repairing of all the radio's used in town. They felt that by dealing with vendors collectively we will be able to negotiate better prices for all. Captain Frank Valentino asked Committeeman Schatzle if that meant that the Township would now be purchasing the radio's for the Squad? Committeeman Schatzle said no but they might be able to save some of their fund money if we can negotiate better prices.

Mike Burke suggested that we need uniformity of our communications devices and suggested that the Township Committee consider taking a small percentage of the Cell Tower revenue and starting a Communications Trust Account that could offset future purchases of equipment. Committeeman Schatzle thought that was something the committee can look into.

ROUND TABLE

OEM: Chief Sauter

Thanked Captain Frank Valentino and Chief Rich Galinski for all their help in filling out the paperwork for FEMA.

Had a debriefing with FEMA and so far the projected total is 1.9 million.

An OEM page has been added to the Township webpage.

Chief Sauter attended a County OEM meeting. JCP&L Safety training was the main topic and JCP&L distributed packets to help teach first responders how to safely deal with dangers of electrical emergencies. Chief distributed copies to Chief Galinski and Captain Valentino.

FIRE CHIEF: Rich Galinski

Chief Galinski has been attending the Western Monmouth fire meetings he is trying to organize mutual aid fire training drills.

FIRST AID: Frank Valentino

Mutual Aid calls to Freehold have decreased. Have had mutual aid calls to Earle.

POLICE DEPT: Chief Sauter

When the NWS Earle property was deeded in 1947 part of the front entrance was left as the responsibility of the Colts Neck Police. The Navy is working on the issue. Our Police Department will be handling all call at entrance until this issue is resolved.

COLTS NECK COMMITTEE: Jim Schatzle

The Township is working on Discharge Ordinance update, The ordinance for not discharging a bow and arrow within 450 yards of a property line is still in effect. The committee wanted to change the distance to the State limit of 150 yards but the public was against.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn made by Mike Burke and seconded by Frank Valentino. After an all in favor vote meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
R. Behrens