

PLAINSBORO RESCUE SQUAD

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2018

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 8:05 PM by President Ganesh Shenoy. Salute to the Flag and Roll Call followed. 27 members present, 19 eligible to vote, 4 proxies held. Quorum was met. (For the meeting's attendance and voting rights, see spreadsheet.)

MOTION: To approve the (corrected) February 2018 Monthly Minutes (posted on the bulletin board and emailed) was made by Suhas Kamble, seconded by Jegan Gokulchandran.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED with 2 abstentions.

There were no new members to vote in.

GUEST REPORT Township Liaison – Neil Lewis

- The new supermarket opened February 23rd!
- Thank you for all your activities during the “interesting” weather we’ve experienced recently. Emergency services were busy and are very much appreciated!
- The Township Committee Meeting was held last night and included a budget review. There will probably be a 1 cent increase from last year and the typical household will see an increase of less than \$50 per year in taxes.
- The LOSAP eligibility list was approved. This is the highest number of people approved in one year and is recognition of your service.
- The Police Department has been busy with cross walk and drunk driving enforcement programs.
- Ganesh Shenoy asked about the recent news of West Windsor and Princeton increases for low income housing and if Plainsboro was impacted. Neil said Plainsboro has been conscientious about including a generous ratio of low income housing in building projects through the years. We were assessed at 400 units and just needed to have the one new section of 100 units being built on Dey Road. The affordable housing there should be about \$400-\$500 per month for qualified tenants.

GUEST REPORT Police Liaison – Corporal Finkelstein

- I was in the supermarket. It was confusing! (But that’s why I don’t do the shopping.)
- Thank you for your help during the weather last week. From noon-10PM was pretty crazy and we appreciate all the help you gave in digging out stranded motorists, including police cars!
- There is going to be paving done on Route 1 from Quakerbridge Road to Ridge Road. We don’t yet know the timeframe or how the project will be managed with lane closures. Going from Windrows to the hospital may be impacted. You will be advised of timing and detours ahead of time.

- Enforcement programs: We are still doing crosswalk enforcement. There are undercover officers walking in crosswalks. If the pedestrian steps out, even if you are on the other side of the median, you must stop. Similarly, if he is halfway across and you drive behind him, that is still a violation. It is a \$203 ticket!
- Enjoy St. Patrick's Day responsibly.
- Reminder: When responding to calls, you still must obey laws and any direction from the police. It doesn't matter if you are an EMT and responding.
- Office Joe Breyta spoke about the Police Unity Tour fund raiser. Police officers ride 300 miles from Ground Zero to Washington DC, representing a police officer who has died in the line of duty. The riding officers must raise \$1950 per rider and we have 3 officers riding from Plainsboro. The officers wear bracelets inscribed with the officer's name, department, and last watch details, and then present a bracelet to the family. It is an emotional tribute and the funds raised go to help the families. The ride is May 9-13. Ganesh Shenoy said that as a 501c charity, the Squad cannot donate to another charity. However Squad members can donate as individuals and an email blast will be sent. Ganesh also offered to add information (1/3 page) to our fliers that will be mailed mid-April. Officer Breyta said individuals can donate online or via check (to Plainsboro PBA #319 with Police Unity Tour in the check memo.)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Ganesh Shenoy

- See attached report.
- Allocation of computers: The new computer in the Munson Room will be primarily for the Treasurer with the necessary software loaded on it. If the Treasurer needs to use the computer, she has priority. The computer in the office will remain and will have the door access software on it that the Trustees use. The other new computer will be in the meeting room and a secondary computer will remain in the meeting room.
- Website has some information loaded and all members should have received an email from WordPress to set your password. If you did not receive an email, contact Sridevi Mallem.
- A business at 650 College Road East is giving away furniture and we want to claim some file cabinets. Come help move furniture (we need vans, trucks, and muscle) Saturday 3/17, 3:00 PM. You can get chairs, desks, etc. for yourself as well as help the Squad. We will replace some file cabinets in the Munson Room and sell others at the Garage Sale.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Fund Raising) – Ganesh Shenoy for Anmol Karnad

- The commercial mailer design is in progress and will go out next month.
- The fund raising committee is planning a Garage Sale.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Membership) – Ganesh Shenoy for Ankit Parikh

- See attached report.
- If any cadets come to your crew nights, please give detailed feedback. Suhas Kamble questioned if the feedback was really used in deciding to vote people in since his crew had recommended against an applicant but they were still voted into membership. Ganesh Shenoy said the committee has new members this year and feedback will definitely be reviewed.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Devyani Shenoy

- See attached report.
- First Constitution Bank accounts are operational and we have the necessary stationary to use the accounts. We have the safe deposit box keys and the Trustees should transfer the contents.
- Return your PNC debit cards and use the new Constitution Bank debit cards. Be sure to submit receipts **IN THE WEEK WHEN YOU USE THE CARD!** Devyani **MUST** have receipts to manage the bills!
- The bank needs to be updated for Amazon Smile donations to flow to our new account. Brian Gould will give Devyani the information so she can update the routing. Jegan Gokulchandran warned that it is tricky to use Amazon Smile via the mobile app and have the donations be submitted. He recommended putting items in your cart and then using a browser rather than the mobile app to actually complete the purchase and make the Amazon Smile donation.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT – Linnea Jansson

- If anyone is interested in the Sunday, 4/22 Trenton Thunder event, let Linnea know ASAP. It is in recognition of EMS. We need to bring a rig and give rig tours but we get free admission to the ballgame.

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT – Jeanette Kania

- Please look for the monthly minutes via email and posted on the bulletin board. (Hopefully minutes will be put on the website soon.)

CHIEF'S/LINE REPORT – Dimitry Pokrasov

- See attached report.
- Thank you to all who helped on the snow standby, including digging out our police!

- Re: Oxygen bottles – An explanation for the shortage is that the police have more cars on the road (with 1 tank per car) and we have more EMT1s who have a tank in their jump kits.
- We are targeting to have zero incomplete charts by May!
- **Chief Driver:** Emily Wolf for Krishna Jagannathan
 - See attached report.
- **Scheduling:** When you joined, you learned the SOPs regarding signing up for shifts and filling your shifts. This is your responsibility. The When To Work calendar is open for over a month prior to assignment of shifts. The next month's schedule is finalized the day after the monthly meeting, but everyone has plenty of time to sign up before they are assigned to shifts that they cannot fill.
- **Training:** Brian Gould urged everyone to check their CPR cards! BLS CPR cards are now "e-cards" and can be validated online. You can have something in your wallet or phone but they are online for validation. Karin Stewart is teaching CPR on Sunday 3/18/2018. Email her if you want to join the class. Emily Wolf said they are coming around at RWJ and inspecting cards (EMT cards, CPR cards, drivers' licenses) and also looking at the trucks (clean and appropriately decontaminated).
- Active911 – We gave a presentation and Active911 can interact with the CAD software but our police department does not have the necessary "Rip and Run" module. We are investigating the price of the "Rip and Run" module to see if it can be purchased and installed.
- There is now easier parking at RWJ, but the access cards need to be updated.
- Last week the Township fuel pumps were out of service. Please follow the procedures that Krishna Jagannathan emailed to use the cards in the rigs to fuel at a public gas station if necessary. Brian Gould recommended using the Valero stations at Dey Road and Route 130 due to ample maneuvering space and good prices for diesel.

TRUSTEES' REPORT – Apryl Roach, Harshit Dhawan, Don Vadakan

- We are continuing to address the fire inspection violations. A contractor is coming in to add a new sprinkler. He gave us a good price of \$300 and we don't need to change the shelf. We are also replacing wiring in storage room to stop using extension cords.
- We are taking care of the plumbing in the bay and also the heater in the bay which has been spiking higher than the set temperature.
- Landscaping will be done around the new sign by Boy Scouts. They sent two proposed designs and the Trustees will review. Their budget is \$500 so we may need to add a little.
- There is concern about the new sign not being locked. Apryl Roach has a quote and will bring it for discussion at the next Trustees meeting.
- The key reconciliation report will be given to Ganesh Shenoy by the deadline, 3/31/2018.
- The plumbing issues in the bathrooms were sent to Brian Wagner. Suhas Kamble said the men's room sinks are still draining slowly. Apryl told Devyani Shenoy that

Brian Wagner often does not send an invoice for minor work but does work as a donation for the Squad.

- Devyani Shenoy said members had complained that the cleaning service was not adequate. A new person has been hired and is charging \$75 for a full cleaning every other week and \$30 for cleaning the bathrooms weekly. Suhas Kamble suggested a having a log that the cleaner will sign each week to ensure that the cleaning has happened. (This is similar to logs seen in public restrooms or offices.)
- Dimitry Pokrasov said that the Star of Life on the new sign doesn't look good at night because it is like a dark blob. Emily Wolf agreed that it is not good and said it can be replaced, but at a cost.
- Ganesh Shenoy urged the Trustees need to get their act together. He noted that there was no report submitted this month and the meetings are not attended by all Trustees.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT – Deblina Mukherjee

- Sheryl Brown said Jason Sheffield had a grandparent pass away and she will email Deblina the details.
- If you have any news/events, please send an email to Deblina or to Ganesh Shenoy.

CADET REPORT – Nora Binder

- No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TECHNOLOGY OFFICER – Arun Bantval

- The new website is designed to be both internal and external. Member login will be used to access internal site.
- THANK YOU to Sridevi Mallem for a lot of help!
- Suhas Kamble gave a tip that you can use the When to Work app from phone and website to link to your Google calendar. Changes then get pushed to your Google calendar. He said he can help anyone who wants this functionality and Arun can post a “how to” document.

LOSAP – Jeanette Kania

- No detailed report. As Neil Lewis mentioned, the Township Committee made the 2017 LOSAP funding resolution at last night's meeting. After a 30 days official posting period, I will be in contact with the 8 people who are achieving LOSAP for the first time to help them complete the necessary paperwork to open their accounts.

GRANTS OFFICER – Jegan Gokulchandran

- Our first grant succeeded. We received \$2500 from Integra LifeSciences.
- Let me know of any companies who may be willing to donate. Also let me know any ideas for specific projects where we could apply for grants.

UNIFORM OFFICER – Emily Wolf

- EMT patches are on back order. When you become an EMT trade in your non-patched clothing for clothes with patches.
- You will need a white dress shirt for Founders Day.

SUPPLIES OFFICER – Jack Bouchakjan

- No report

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

TABLED BUSINESS

There was no Tabled Business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

A MOTION to adjourn was made by Suhas Kamble seconded by Sheryl Brown. VOTE: MOTION CARRIED. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25. PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette M. Kania
Recording Secretary