

PLAINSBORO RESCUE SQUAD
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2020

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 8.06 PM by President Jack Bouchakjian. Salute to the Flag and Roll Call followed. Members present 31, eligible to vote 15. Quorum was met. (For the meetings attendance and voting rights, see spreadsheet.)

MOTION: To approve the March, 2020 Monthly Minutes (notice was sent via email, posted on the bulletin board and on website) was made by Krishna Jagannathan seconded by Dimitry Pokrasov.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED.

GUEST REPORT Township Liaison – Neil Lewis

Like to take a moment to thanks PRS from Township Committee Board and residents. All the work is well appreciated. Special thanks to Daniel Reichard for handling all the hard work.

Please check the details for the summer camp schedules. Part time schedule is open. Check the individual departments. The Department heads are working on the schedules.

Planning and recreation is open. Parks and recreation is open for use at this time.

Recreation program is making plans to keep the programs open. Let the people know to fill out the applications online, interviews will be conducted for coaches, volunteers, organizers.

Budget, action committee has taken a look to lower property tax by 0.2% - 1.4 cents on average property, which comes to \$60 year, \$5 a month. Various groups are working in township to structure, how this will turn out will be watched.

Board of Education has planned for a meeting with Plainsboro and WWP townships to plan for the rest of the academic year. \$ 1.1M support program is planned, which is supposed to be coming back as tax relief. Waiting for the discussion – Mayor is on tele meetings with Governor, county officials and communication is active.

- All appreciate efforts – website is updated as needed
- Jack Bouchakjian is working with Anthony Cancro, Township administrator about discounted supply of electric cost. It may take few more days to bring it into action.
- Chinmaya temple wants to help and advised to reach out to various service groups like FD, PRS and others as appreciation to all.
- Food bank is challenged heavily, please encourage people to donate – to help for people as needed – drop off location in the PD office

Township committee had two virtual meetings, calls from the public were answered. Wishing you all safe and healthy operations. Thanks once again.

Sheryl Brown wants to know about any repair/construction work going on Lenape trail, near the bridge on pond view to fox run. Lot of heavy equipment related to construction is spotted. If something bad happens, it would be difficult for the rescue teams to operate. Deputy mayor will find out and get back.

Ankit Parikh asks about founders' day, Deputy Mayor confirms that Founders day for the year is cancelled. No plans for any alternate date, due to the dependencies with lot of volunteers and activities.

Grant for PRS is raised to \$65,000.00 in the Budget.

Arun Bantval wants to know, the mayor of WW issues daily updates and there is no update from Plainsboro Mayors office. Deputy Mayor confirms, there is a letter updated in website and all the links on the website are working. People can be visit the website for improved and added information as it becomes available. Some information is updated daily as needed.

Krishna Jagannathan wants to check about the donation amount. PRS requested for a grant of \$ 120,000.00 and the amount given is \$ 65,000. Why the amount is so less, what is the basis for decision? All the requested information was handed to Anthony Cancro. Deputy Mayor answers, there is a limit on amount to be given, max is \$70,000. Though the township understands the cost and work involved in maintaining PRD, grant cannot be more than the recommended amount and township cannot assist more. Township encourages to get more donations.

Krishna Jagannathan said, Anthony Cancro was reminded several times to recover costs and all the expenses paid by PRS should be returned to squad. Deputy Mayor says, township follows the Country and state recommendations.

GUEST REPORT Police Liaison – Daniel Reichard

Appreciate PRS for all the hard work. He suggests to keep track of all the expenses spent for COVID-19, so they can be compared and reimbursed whenever possible.

- Confirms, that PD is staging on all calls near the scene. Signal 19 is the code for covid-19 positive cases.
- Finding PPE is an issue, getting donations for purchases and trying to reserve purchases and shipping.
- Any new members joining, background check will be processed fast to get them to riding soon.
- Keeping in touch with managements of Windrows, atrium and acute care to have better systems in place.

Ankit Parikh mentions some of the cops are not comfortable to join on windrows calls, is that a policy or is it person specific?

He shares an experience with one of the calls at 5000 Windrows, PD staged outside. PD came in for combative patient and requested EMS. The Pt. was combative towards staff, agitated but not psyche. The patient is same for both the calls. Daniel Reichard will find out and give the details. Ankit Parikh offers, PD can use PRS PPE if they are concerned.

Brian Gould mentions cops on scene are asking to take the pt. to hospital. Windrows staff reports as injuries and PD is giving report to ER staff as altered and EMS has to correct the report.

Daniel Reichard says, this specific patient was discussed a lot. The issue is windrows staff do not want to keep this patient in their facility. The hospital is also calling and complaining. PRS members

suggest, may be family should be advised to move the patient to a different facility. But, PD cannot take a call on that. Another complaint is Windrows is upscaling calls, ALS is dispatched, PD is informed. Other calls, he will find out talk to the patrol and get back with details.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Jack Bouchakjian

To cut cost on electricity, looking to get a bid and a third party provider.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Fund Raising) - Arun Bantval

We are preparing for the FEMA grant, 75% total will be reimbursed. Collecting information from Ankit Parikh and Jegan Gokulchandran. Got details and will apply as and when possible. Trying to get more donations via social media. Monetary and other donations are appreciated. PD and FD help is appreciated. Planning to move the fund raising efforts and move forward flyers and printer stuff.

SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Membership) – Brian Gould

Introducing Michael Colwell, got positive feedback and on fast track to start riding. He is an experienced EMT and was riding with a different town. Motion to make him a member was made by Brian Gould and seconded by Jegan Gokulchandran. Motion approved. Welcome Michael Colwell

Please see attached for further details.

One family offered to provide 50 individual meals to PRS members as part of kid's project. They were insisting on giving food and do not want to give it as a monetary donation. With the help of Crown of Indian restaurant, as per E-board directions, food will be delivered at the building. Details will follow.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Jegan Gokulchandran

Working with Ankit Parikh and Don Vadakan to track the Covid expenses. Anyone is applying for reimbursement please specify in the forms. To reduce delay in processing, creating a reimbursement form which will be added to website and will be routed to corresponding people.

Tax filing date is extended to July 15, though CPA is working on the paperwork to do it sooner.

Arun Bantval says to deal with the covid expenses, he can work with Jegan Gokulchandran to scan folders and quickly apply for grants. Jack Bouchakjian will help to set up. Jegan Gokulchandran will go through the previous details and find out.

Dan Vadakan says to use excel spreadsheet and mark it as special and Year mark Covid 19. To make re-imburement easy.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT – Lucy Zhu

No report

RECORDING SECRETARY'S REPORT – Emily wolf

No report

CADET REPORT – Roan Vadakan

Cadets had their first online cadet meeting. Gathered ideas and planned on things to do. Planning on sending Cards to windrows residents / make a video. Will plan to do one of those.

Brian Gould suggests, whenever cadets are planning for meeting, the cadet advisor should be informed.

Arun Bantval asks if the cadets can help to build a potential UV lite sanitizing box, to keep the stuff sanitized. May be Roan Vadakan can help. Jack Bouchakjian suggests to cadets to look into opportunities / projects to help community. Cadets will talk to E-Board.

CHIEF'S/LINE REPORT – Ankit Parikh

Please see attached.

Thanks to Abhilash Nair and Jeffry Covington for their effort to fill the holes in scheduling.

Please take extra shifts if possible.

There are lot of Questions about changing protocols and RMA's. Ankit Parikh is working with Brian Barbereis from EMS township about transport vs. triage at home. They are also talking to the medical director. New protocols were received and getting the paperwork and it will be shared with all the riding members soon. Try to talk to the patient and counsel them to stay home and get an RMA. If patient is adamant of going to hospital, take them.

Jegan Gokulchandran wants to know how to inform the patient. Ankit will get some more information and will let the members know.

Neil Lewis wants to know about the number of calls, call volume – Ankit Parikh responds, call volume is not increased. All the calls that come in are Covid related, other type of calls are stopped unless real emergency.

Akarsh Teki mentions that Home Depo and Lowes stores are donating masks for health work people and he will get them. To improve the communication on calls using phone, a new system is being adopted. using Zello. He will set up and let the members know. Brian Gould wants to confirm the details as well.

TRUSTEES' REPORT – Presented by Don Vadakan

Anything noticed, to be addressed – please report.
Washing and drying machines please use as needed and clean up after the work is done. Overall condition of the bldg., is good

Brian Gould mentions the issue about hot water not available in men's room is discussed during last Eboard meeting, which was not addressed. Jegan Gokulchandran mentions in the washroom no hot water in the sinks also.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT : None

INSTALLATION DINNER COMMITTEE: None

Uniform Officer: None

LOSAP – Harshit Dhawan

No report

General Supplies Officer : Harshit Dhawan

Write on the board to get attention.

Medical Supplies Officer: Don Vadakan

Supplies are stocked reasonably. Ultraviolet equipment for deacon usage, Ankit Parikh bought with his own money and will loan it to squad.

Concern about the equipment is, it will take 20 min. to deacon, which is not advised with the current riding position.

Jegan Gokulchandran wants to know, if it can be used while going to scene? Answer is it doesn't cover the mfg. directions.

Jack Bouchakjian wants to know, will the light be good enough or thorough cleaning needs to be done? Ankit Parikh responds, light will only sanitize the place it hits. Most effective is clean personally/thoroughly.

Brian Gould mentions it will be chief's call whether to buy or not.

GRANTS OFFICER : None

TECHNOLOGY OFFICER – Arun Bantval

Old business :

New business :

Don Vadakan offers condolences to Harshit Dhawan on his personal loss.

A motion to adjourn meeting was called by Ankit Parikh and Seconded by Karin Stewart.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED. The meeting was adjourned at 9.30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sridevi Mallem

