

Plainsboro Rescue Squad

Monthly Meeting November 16th, 2023

The regular meeting was called to order at 8:10 PM Roll Call followed. 28 members present, 17 eligible to vote. Quorum met.

MOTION: Motion to approve the October 2023 monthly minutes was made by Meahul seconded by Don.

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED.

Introduction and Prospective New Members – Anmol Karnad.

Guest Report – Neil Lewis (Deputy Mayor)

Sent in a report as follows :

Sorry I can't join you tonight but will be out of town.

1. Thanks to all for a great contribution to "haunted tonight;"
2. Thanks for participating in the Veteran's Day wreath laying ceremony on November 11;
3. Happy Diwali to all; township proclaimed November 12 as "Diwali Day" in Plainsboro;
4. No Planning Board or Zoning Board meetings in past Month;

5. Township has contracted for snow and leaf removal to ensure full service as Public Works is returning to full strength;
6. DRC moved project to Planning Board for a 3000+ square foot Chase Bank drive thru pad in plainsboro Plaza (behind CVS in empty expanse of spaces);
7. Township Committee getting design plans to enhance and integrate roadways and pedestrian safety between the Village Center and Plainsboro Plaza area;
8. Working on plans for enhancements to Community Park where current skate RJ k is located;
9. Fire District will have to wait until December for official final write I. Vote counts for vacant commissioner seat; Jim Pedley was elected to the other seat.
10. Senator Greenstein called me to say she has been trying to speak with the "new health commissioner" about the PRS training costs but has been frustrated by the aloofness from that office. She successfully has spoke. With the former Commissioner who is going to bat to shake the new appointee into responding. Senator was apologetic about the lack of progress but continues to explore all avenues.
11. Fire District will make a presentation to township committee on November 20 about its proposed larger budget for the next year which will exceed the state cap of 2.5% and needs voter approval to exceed cap at a township -wide special fire district referendum on Saturday, February 17 as recommended by the Department of Community Affairs.

New budget proposed includes multiple full time firefighters and is for some \$4.2 million versus prior \$2.7 million if approved with Fire District tax rate estimate increase of around 3 cents. Watch for added information from the Fire District.

12. Best wishes for a happy and healthy Thanksgiving holiday to all.
Regards from Neil

Police Report – Martin McElrath

- Hire process going on
 - Background checks done with some candidates
 - New dispatcher starting Nov. 27. Will go thru Additional 10 weeks of training
 - Hired a Per deem EMT – to cover gaps
 - New trauma kits added to all the public schools
 - Thank you for Firmenich drill on Nov 6
 - Snow fest scheduled for Dec, 10 Sunday 2-4 pm
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- Manoj wants to know to keep the schools safe – does the PD, run any drills with students and check on safety
 - PD says all in place with school management
 - Separately PD is conducting some activities, lockdown drills teaching safety to the school children

President's Report – Arun Bantval

- Focus has been getting the budgets in place
- Elections preps,
- Following up on training funds, working with Don to keep in touch with political leaders and township officials to get issue moved. Township is being hard to approve, multiple requests are made – situation should change soon, if not we have a plan B.
- Elections today – In absence of Neil, we have Trustee and PD to conduct the elections.
- YPP – Is set for some amendments and will be sent out for signatures, Everyone needs to sign the YP

1.

VP Fundraising – Neena Karnad

Report attached

VP Membership –Anmol Karnad

No new members, all the voted in members are riding now

Treasurer's Report – Suhas Kamble

Report attached.

Corresponding Secretary's Report – Lucy Zhu

Ordered a new batch of envelopes.

Recording Secretary's Report – Sridevi Mallem

Need help with Excel sheet, can anyone help

Cadet Advisor – Sridevi Mallem

Need help with IAR and email set up for cadets.

Cadet President : Marc Vadakan

2. Congrats to Aarya for becoming an EMT. Many others in pipeline
3. Request the OIC's to let the cadets have some hands on patient care opportunity
4. Thank you for all the help with the events
5. EMS charts set up should be updated with all the cadets
6. Enrollment checklist is being created, so everyone will have details of expected work flow

Trustee Report : Mehul Thakkar

Continue to take care of regular stuff and please maintain Bay door 2 is fixed. Any issues noticed, please notify the trustees

Anil - A contract will be signed with Oxford energy for replacing the HVAC, AC and Water heater. Estimated cost of \$30,000 from which 80% covered by PSEG rest is covered by oxford energy. Work will begin in end of Feb – March

Chaplin Report - Sheryl Brown

No report

Chief's Report—Don Vadakan

- Keep the rig clean
- Stop unnecessary use of winter coats – keep them hanging as taken out
- XS winter coat is missing – needs to be found
- Cupboard is not locked – keep it closed
- Congrats to all the riding people
- Training funds – should have a resolution by next month end. If we end up paying, will try to get at PENN, Plainsboro
- Thanks for all the help
- 101 is back – one of the tire has some damage, no immediate repair required
- 103 needs new tires
- 102, 105 are in good conditions for now
- More drills will be planned, exclusive to EMS and including other agencies.
- There is a budget allocation that can be used for training till the funds issue is sorted out.

LOSAP Report – Kumar Paneerselvam / Jegan

Grants Officer:

Not present. No report

Jegan will follow up. Everyone can check the details and get it updated as needed.

Technology - Ishwarya & Mark

No report

Medical supplies – Abhilash

- Needed supplies will be replenished

Non Medical supplies - Harshit

- Needed supplies will be replenished

Old Business: None

New Business:

Budget is tabled for approval in next month's meeting.

- All who helped – thank you
- So far the 2023 is good, - increasing budget for training and vehicle repairs
- Admin side 10% increase to the insurance
- Utilities – good
- Bay and building, ground – increased some money for maintenance
- Total expensens \$197,000
- Ideas to get more donations
- \$35,000 for replacement of 102 – is this included – it can be added as reserved funds, early 2025
- Budget is tabled. Motion made by Suhas and seconded by Shripal

Elections

President :

Motion for the recording secretary to record the unanimous election of "Anmol" as President Proposed by Suhas and seconded by Don

VP Fundraising :

Motion for the recording secretary to record the unanimous election of "Neena" as VP Fundraising Proposed by Suhas and seconded by Don

VP Membership :

Members contested :

Bala

Debi

Congratulations "Debi", won by the voting process as VP Membership.

Treasurer :

Motion for the recording secretary to record the unanimous election of "Arun" as Treasurer Proposed by Suhas and seconded by Don

Corresponding Secretary :

Motion for the recording secretary to record the unanimous election of “Bindu” as Corresponding Secretary by Suhas and seconded by Don

Recording Secretary :

Motion for the recording secretary to record the unanimous election of “Sridevi” as Recording Secretary Proposed by Suhas and seconded by Don

Line :

Chief :

Motion for the recording secretary to record the unanimous election of “Jegan” as Chief Proposed by Suhas and seconded by Anil.

Deputy Chief :

Motion for the recording secretary to record the unanimous election of “Don” as Assistant Chief Proposed by Suhas and seconded by Anil

Assistant Chief :

Motion for the recording secretary to record the unanimous election of “Harshit” as Assistant Chief Proposed by Suhas and seconded by Anil

Trustees :

Motion for the recording secretary to record the unanimous election of “Mehul” as Trustee for a three year term – 2024-26. Proposed by Suhas and seconded by Don

Motion for the recording secretary to record the unanimous election of “BALA” as Trustee for a Three year term 2024 – 2026 Proposed by Suhas and seconded by Don

Motion for the recording secretary to record the unanimous election of “Manoj” as Trustee for one year term Ends by end of 2024 Proposed by Suhas and seconded by Don

Congratulations to all the winners.

A motion to adjourn meeting made by Don, seconded by Anil

VOTE: MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 9.40 PM

Sridevi Mallem
Recording Secretary
Plainsboro Rescue Squad

