October 23, 2023

A meeting of the Piscataway Township EMS Advisory Committee was held on October 23, 2023 at the Piscataway Township Municipal Building, 455 Hoes Lane, Piscataway, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order by Interim EMS Coordinator James Parent at 1800 hours.

Mr. Parent made the following statement, in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act: Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided as required under Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, specifying the time, date, location, login, or dial in information, and, to the extent known, the agenda by posting a copy of the notice on the Municipal Building, Municipal Court and the two Municipal Library Bulletin Boards, Municipal Website, providing a copy to the official newspapers of the Township and by filing a copy in the office of the Township Clerk in accordance with a certification by the Clerk which will be entered in the minutes.

In order to make sure a clear record of the meeting can be made and that all parties are heard in an organized fashion, all members of the public will be muted during this meeting. If a member of the public wishes to speak during any public comment portion please raise your hand. This can be done either through the Zoom app or by pressing \*9 (star nine) on your phone. I will unmute members of the public individually if they have their hand raised. When it is your turn to speak, you will get a prompt or request to unmute, please click on the prompt or press \*6 (star 6) on your phone to unmute.

Upon being unmuted, you should begin to ask any and all questions you may have. You will have three minutes to speak, at the conclusion of which you will be muted again, and the advisory committee or administration will respond as necessary.

Each member of the public shall only have one opportunity to speak during each public portion. As the technology does not allow us to know if there are multiple callers on an individual line, we ask that if you wish to speak, that you dial in on a separate line so that we can recognize you as a separate individual. Individuals may also submit written comments to the EMS coordinator up to forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting, to be read by the EMS coordinator during the public comment portion of the meeting. Said comments shall be limited to three minutes of reading.

Mr. Parent led the salute to the flag.

On roll call there were present, Deputy Chief Michelle Pilch, Evan Shegoski (RRRS), Dan Klibaner (RRRS) Kayla Green (NSRS), John Scarpa (NSRS) and Patricia Farmer were present. There was a quorum.

Evan Shegoski made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from the July 2023 EMS Advisory Council meeting, the minutes were approved without objection.

There was discussion regarding utilizing JFK Emergency Medical Dispatchers and/or one button transfers to JFK’s regional communications center. JFK Director Mark Bober stated it was offered to Piscataway in the contract proposal. He further stated about half of the towns utilize this and half do not. Deputy Chief Pilch advised that Piscataway did not wish to utilize this service.

There was general discussion on utilizing volunteer rescue squads in addition to JFK’s ambulances. Deputy Chief Pilch advised the township’s position has not changed and the JFK contract and services are working as intended.

There was a motion by Even Shegoski to schedule the 2024 EMS Advisory Council meeting dates on January 29, April 29, July 29 and October 28th of 2024, this was seconded by Deputy Chief Pilch and passed with unanimous consent.

There was general discussion regarding mutual aid and whom decides what EMS agencies may respond into Piscataway for mutual aid calls. JFK EMS Director Mark Bober reiterated the number of mutual aid requests remains incredibly low and JFK is currently utilizing South Plainfield EMS for mutual aid as they have been a part of JFK’s mutual response list for a number of years and they are able to respond to multiple towns for mutual aid. He also mentioned South Plainfield EMS was operational nearly 24/7.

There was general discussion regarding the number of JFK ambulances stationed in town at any given time. JFK Director Mark Bober stated the only time the third EMS ambulance was not in town is when it is utilized in another town for mutual aid for life threatening emergencies. Mr. Bober further stated he would look into some of the statistical outliers for EMS responses that exceeded 10 minutes.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

No public comments.

There being no further business to come before the EMS Advisory Council, Kayla Green made a motion to adjourn the meeting which passed without objection. The meeting was adjourned at 1834 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

James Parent, Interim EMS Coordinator

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