

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

LEPC MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 7, 2011

Bill Hillanbrand called the meeting to order at 10:10 A.M.

The following members were present:

Bill Hillanbrand	Nick Tylenda	Liesel Dreisbach	John Bast
Ted Veresink	Jim Cotter	Angel Gillette	Sandra Serafin

Guen Gonzales

Bill Hillanbrand asked for public comment. There being none, Bill moved to the next item on the agenda.

Minutes of the June 1, 2011 meeting were distributed to the membership for review.

Bill Hillanbrand noted an error from the June 1 minutes. He said it should read: 158 facilities are reporting 650 chemicals. Motion to accept the amended minutes, introduced by John Bast and second by Liesel Dreisbach. Motion carried.

John Bast asked if minutes of the meeting could be sent to members prior to the meeting. Bill Hillanbrand said he would send meeting minutes to the membership in the future.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Bill Hillanbrand said three facilities still owe planning and/or chemical fees. To date we have received \$47,200. Also Easton Plating and Dayton Superior have closed.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill Hillanbrand said the County has received bids from Micro Fire and Witmere for equipment and supplies related to the Foam Task Force project. Micro Fire submitted a lower cost bid and would build it to our specifications. Procurement policy requires the proposal go to County Council for review and approval. John Bast had several questions concerning the proposal. Ted Veresink asked if any action was required by the LEPC. Bill Hillanbrand replied no action was required.

Bill Hillanbrand said four LEPC members will be attending the Emergency Preparedness and Hazmat Conference which will be held in Pittsburg from October 29 Thru November 2, 2011. The following members will be attending: Mike Rampulla, John Conklin, Bob Mateff and Bill Hillanbrand.

Angel Gillette distributed and reviewed a draft cost recovery ordinance. She said the ordinance which is based on Lehigh County's ordinance would enable the County to bill responsible parties for costs associated with emergency response activities to hazmat incidents. Angel asked for comments on the ordinance. There being none she asked the committee for a formal endorsement. Motion to endorse the cost recovery ordinance, introduced by John Bast second by Ted Veresink. Motion carried. The draft ordinance will be sent to County Administration and County Council for review and action.

Angel Gillette introduced Sandy Serafin and Guen Gonzales to the committee. They are new temporary workers who will be assisting Angel on various projects.

John Bast asked Angel Gillette if she thought he could submit for reimbursement for Easton Fire's response to the Nicos incident. She said she thought they are eligible for reimbursement.

John Bast asked Angel Gillette what cost schedule she is using to file for reimbursement. She said she uses the Federal schedule.

John Bast commented that attempting to collect reimbursement could be a long process. He said he has been waiting for a reimbursement to an incident that occurred several years ago.

Bill Hillanbrand asked Dave Malloy if he would provide a tour of the local DEP office to the LEPC membership. Dave offered to host the next LEPC meeting scheduled on December 7, 2011 at 10:00 A.M.

There being no further business John Bast made a motion to adjourn the meeting and second by Bill Hillanbrand. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM.