September 20, 2023
MEETING – MINUTES

On Wednesday, September 20, 2023, the Emergency Services Committee held a meeting.

Council Present:
Mayor Ethel LaValley
Councillor Sandra Collins
Councillor Joe Florent
Councillor Joan Kuiack
Councillor Shawn Pigeon
Councillor Bill Rodnick
Councillor Laurie Siydock, Chair

Present:
Brian Ackney, Works Foreman/CEMC
Tracy Cannon, Planning & Building Administrator/CEMC Alternate
Steven Ronholm, Works Superintendent
Adam Ziebarth, Facility Maintainer
Ian Collins, Fire Chief
Theresa Kramer, Whitney Seniors New Outlook
Jay Debernardi, Red Cross
Melissa Botz, Renfrew County Health Unit

OPEN MEETING/CALL MEETING TO ORDER:
Councillor Siydock called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

ADDITIONS/AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
Moved by: Mayor LaValley **Seconded by: Councillor Collins**
To adopt the agenda of September 20, 2023 as circulated.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST: None

INTRODUCTION: Round table introductions.

B. Ackney provided a verbal CEMC Report.

RED CROSS PRESENTATION
Jay Debernardi, Red Cross presented a presentation that included what Red Cross does, statistics, local resources available, agreement options between township and Red Cross and Red Cross's initiative. Consensus was to enter in the "Just-in-Time" Agreement and that it would be included as an Appendix to the Emergency Plan.

RENFREW COUNTY DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT
Melissa Botz, RCDHU presented a presentation on current respiratory illnesses. Under the program RATs (rapid antigen tests), municipalities are now being requested to be a distribution site for rapid antigen tests. The goal is for the public to be prepared and have tests in their possessions prior to becoming ill. The tests will be available in the lobby of the township office.

Due to timing B. Ackney requested that the Municipal Contril Group Training session be deferred to the October 18th Tabletop Exercise.

The committee took a short break.

HAZARD IDENTIFICATION & RISK ASSESSMENT
B. Ackney presented the Hazard Identification & Risk Assessment (HIRA) presentation.

NEW BUSINESS:
Brian Ackney, Works Foreman, CEMC presented Mayor LaValley with his resignation as of October 31, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT:
Moved by: Councillor Florent **Seconded by: Councillor Rodnick**
To adjourn the Emergency Services Committee Meeting of September 20, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.

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Councillor L. Siydock Tracy Cannon, Planning & Bldg. Admin.
Recording Secretary