

Cape May Court House, NJ
October 26, 2012 12:00pm
EMERGENCY MEETING
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THIS MEETING IS BEING RECORDED:

** A meeting of the Middle Township Emergency Management was held at 12:00pm in the second floor conference room to discuss the pending hurricane. Due to the presence of Township Committee minutes were taken by Township Clerk Kimberly Krauss. Notice was transmitted to the media outlets following said meeting.*

This Emergency Meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law. Adequate notice was not provided due to the nature of the urgency and importance of said emergency. The nature of the substantial harm to the public interest likely to result from a delay in the holding of said meeting and this meeting will be limited to discussion of and acting with respect to such matters of urgency and importance. Discussion was held in connection with the pending hurricane.

Members present were Mayor Lockwood, Committeemember Donohue, Committeemember DeLanzo, Business Administrator Mark Mallett, Township Clerk Kimberly Krauss and Deputy Township Clerk Suzanne Stocker. Also present were: Paul Fritsch, Sean McDevitt, Bill Barger, Chief Leusner, Dave Salvo, Michael Kopakowski, Rich Sweeten, Frank Svitak, Bill Adams, Chris Camp, Andrew Smith, Mike Linz, John Edwards, Tony Anzelone and Sam White of Cape Regional Medical Center.

The storm is to hit the Delaware Bay area Sunday at 2am. Predicted wind gust up to 85 mph, into Monday. Electric may be turned off. Elementary school No. 2 is one of four shelters in Middle Township. The barrier islands will have a mandatory evacuation as of Sunday. Tides will be 8-10 feet above normal. The storm of 1962 was about 9 feet above normal. There will be a generator at Elementary No. 2 school.

Chief Leusner spoke of the Emergency Operations Center.

Mayor Lockwood stated that 3-10 inches of rain has been predicted. Storm could come up Bay and head north to Philadelphia. Our shelters have been set up to receive residents from the barrier islands. There is more rain and winds predicted, for longer periods of time, than the last storm. Monday's full moon will come with two high tides.

Sean McDevitt indicated that that speed of the storm has slowed down.

Mayor Lockwood asked about school closures.

Mr. Salvo stated that this has yet to be evaluated. Waiting to see what happens with storm.

Mayor Lockwood spoke of the need for shelters at the school and use of school buses. A State of Emergency is scheduled to be declared Saturday morning.

Paul Fritsch stated Crest Haven has "been taken care of". Sean McDevitt will be speaking to Crest Haven as well regarding evacuations.

Chief Leusner stated officers will be going around to Campgrounds.

Mark Mallett is to discuss with employees who is essential and who is non-essential.

Paul Fritsch / Chief Leusner – as of 9am Sunday morning all fire companies are to be made available.

Rich Sweeten spoke of concerns with the roof at Station 72.

Mayor Lockwood stated that when the barrier islands evacuate they are to send 2 police and EMS.

Mr. Kopakowski informed the group that the cafeteria staff will cook like last year. Buses will be "filled".

Mayor Lockwood stated the buses will be staged at Elementary No. 2 School.

Sean McDevitt stated that a small bus will be at the EMS building starting Sunday.

Mayor Lockwood stated shelters will be set up Sunday. Mark Mallett & Andrew Smith will be contacting our awarded contractors to discuss debris removal.

Andrew Smith informed the group that winds are predicted to last 2-2 ½ days.

Rich Sweeten – is there an estimate on flooding?

Paul Fritsch – unknown.

Mayor Lockwood asked if more buses should be prepared if people do not leave.

Paul Fritsch – shelters to open 9am Sunday morning.

Tony Anzelone – there will be a light staff at Fire District No. 1 Sunday morning... heavy crew on Sunday night.

Sam White – hospital is currently preparing for the storm.

Chief Leusner – the Emergency Operation Center phone number is 609-463-1833. It will be operational tomorrow starting 9am.

Meeting adjourned 1:00pm. Group to reconvene at 3:00pm for an update.

Kimberly D. Krauss, Twp. Clerk