Meeting Minutes

CERT Meeting
12/15/2020

Attendance

Carolyn Solon, President
Charlie Neiss
Charlie Delaney
Maryanne Weber
Lorri Monetti
Denise Soppas
Lynn Stahl
Lynn Franklin
Peg Ponzio

Agenda

Old business
New business

Call to Order

7:33 pm by President Solon

Old Business

- COVID-19
  - Food donations – help needed with reorganization
    - Donations still being received
    - Karen and Maryanne have been working organizing
    - Food banks still reporting new registrations
  - Hat and Coat Drive
    - Mayor & OEM worked with a resident who wanted to run this
    - Coats to be donated to food pantry
    - Only new items accepted due to COVID-19
  - Mayor sent a letter with information about various support services
    - Register Ready
      - Residents can sign up for emergency services needs
      - Accessible by OEM head and police chief
      - Registration will help in emergency response
    - Smart 911
  - Vaccines
    - Healthcare workers are in 1a
    - First responders are in category 1b
      - Somerset County does not know if CERT is included
      - Phase 1b should be late January
      - Talk of using RVCC for phase 1a and 1b.
    - High risk is 1c
  - Infection rates are climbing

- - - NJ is higher than the spring
    - First responder rates, esp. police and fire, are high
  - Future Meetings
    - January 26th 7:30 pm
      - Elections

New Business

- Weather alert
  - Current forecast for this area is 18" with 35-40 mph winds
  - Anticipate power outages, which would result in CERT activation
  - Warming center will be opened if there are widespread outages
    - DPW sterilized the exempt hall today
    - Social distancing will be enforced
    - Masks must be worn and will be provided
      - N95 for CERT
      - Hospital masks for public
    - Should temps be taken?
- ID's – May need to be re-issued if they expire at the end of the year
- Certifications are expiring and cannot be renewed due to COVID
  - Everyone in same boat
  - In-person classes are a risk
  - For now, expect it will not be an issue

Meeting Adjournment

Motion: Maryanne
Second: Denise
Vote: Unanimous
Time: 8:35 pm