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MEETINGS

1st Mondays, 7pm

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Loganville Borough Mayor's Report – January 2024

Issues/Concerns/Requests: none

Mayor Report Summary:

- Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) Report: none received
- District Court Reports: none received
- Emergency Management (EM):
 - Fire Police Requests: none received
 - Weather Emergencies: none
 - Meetings/Training:

The York County Planning Commission (YCPC) held a public meeting for a review of its draft Hazard Mitigation (HazMit) Plan (HMP) Update on Friday, December 15, 2023 from 1000am-noon. YCPC's meeting was to share the following:

- ❖ What's been learned over the past year
- ❖ How to provide input on the Draft HMP as part of the 45-day review period
- ❖ A last chance for municipalities to fulfill Federal EM Agency (FEMA) participation requirements to use this plan as their official HMP

Attached is a list of notes from the meeting to be addressed in the final update later this month or next. York County is required by law to update its HMP by early 2024. More info can be found at YorkHazMit.org.

- Other Correspondence: none

- Miscellaneous:
 - At the December 4, 2023 Borough Council (BC) meeting, the BC President asked me to acquire flags for the Goodling Park building where BC will meet in the new year. Flags were ordered on December 20, 2023 and were placed in the building.
 - At the meeting I was also asked to contact the Scout who's recent Eagle Scout Project parking lot fencing to correct the inadvertent blocking of American with Disabilities Act access to the basketball court. This was corrected on Tuesday, December 5, 2023.
 - Research was conducted on the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) www.Boroughs.org website to obtain the materials needed for the BC Biennial Reorganization Meeting on January 2, 2024, per § 1001 of the Borough Code.

Respectfully submitted,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

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1 Enclosure

Comments on DRAFT Hazard Mitigation (HazMit) Plan (HMP) Update on Friday, December 15, 2023

* Threats continuously evolve and have changed since the HMP update process began on January 4, 2023.

* Terrorism Threats and Cyberterrorism Threats were depicted together in the HMP update slides presented at the December 15 update meeting.

* Nearly all (~ 94%) of the 72 municipalities in York County participated in the HMP update process to date. Each of the municipalities assessed the various hazards in their locales based upon local factors (e.g., geography, businesses and industries, infrastructure, etc.).

* Upon hearing some of the answers to questions asked by update meeting participants, some of the methodologies for crafting the current HMP update should be addressed in the final 45 day comment window that is forthcoming in the January/February time frame as follows:

- Public comments of threats were accepted even if they were a single individual's submission and presumably there was no vetting by the Emergency Management (EM) Community. Something that was perceived to be a threat by a single individual made the hazards list with no explanation as to what the threat is or its sources (e.g., "environmental justice"). Although this term is in vogue, it seems to be more of a concept or ideology rather than a threat. Without further definition, how is such a "threat" identified and mitigated by EM professionals? Environmental Justice was also listed on the slides at the December 15 meeting.

- Terrorism Threats and Cyberterrorism Threats should be separated in the HMP as they can be independent of each other. On Saturday, November 25, 2023, the Municipal Water Authority of Aliquippa Pennsylvania had one of their booster stations hacked by an Iranian-backed cyber group¹. The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), a US Department of Homeland Security agency, reported on November 29 that "...they were responding to active exploitation of Unitronics Programmable Logic Controllers (PLCs) used in the Water and Wastewater Systems (WWS) sector. Cyber threat actors are targeting PLCs associated with WWS facilities, including an identified Unitronics PLC, at a U.S. water facility."^{2,3} Further research reveals that this actually occurred nation-wide, as PLCs are a common component used in industrial fluid control environments (e.g., petrochemical, brewery, and other fluid motion industries).

- The County assessment was not a compilation or holistic view of the nearly 70 municipalities' submissions, but rather an independent assessment. It would seem that this approach may de-escalate or eliminate real concerns of individual municipalities.

¹ www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/municipal-water-authority-of-aliquippa-hacked-iranian-backed-cyber-group/

² www.cisa.gov/news-events/alerts/2023/11/28/exploitation-unitronics-plcs-used-water-and-wastewater-systems

³ www.apnews.com/article/water-utilities-hackers-cybersecurity-1c475f5d2ef3b5d52410c93bdeab3aad