

**TOWN OF HARRISBURG  
SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING  
Harrisburg Town Hall  
March 28, 2019  
9:00 am**

**MINUTES**

Present:

Debbie Rogers Lowery, Janet Rackley, Tihisha Sharif, Adam Abernathy, George South, Artie Craig, Larry Aldridge, Rob Donham, Corey Jones

Meeting called to order.

Debbie stated that the City of Newton expressed their gratitude to the Town of Harrisburg Safety Committee for canceling last month's meeting so that she could be with them while they had an OSHA DART inspection.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from January 24, 2019 were approved by consensus of the committee.

Safety Grants:

The Town has received the \$10,000 in Safety Grant money from the last round of applications and we have just applied for \$5,400 in the current round. There will be another round of grants in late summer or early fall of this year.

OSHA 300 Logs:

The OSHA 300 Logs were completed and posted for 2018. There were only three recordable injuries last year and only two of those required days away from work. It was a great year and the Town qualified for Safety Awards again this year because of it. Administration, Fire and Public Works all qualified for Gold awards and the Town of Harrisburg as a whole qualified for a Gold award as well. The awards banquet will be held on May 10, 2019 at noon at the Cabarrus County Country Club. Tihisha and Janet are unable to attend this year so Haynes and Lee will go in their place. All Safety Committee members are invited to attend.

Tihisha stated that we are accident free for 2019.

Debbie stated that there is an OSHA representative doing presentations concerning the silica standard update from two years ago that requires use of water integrated systems now to avoid dust clouds containing silica. She asked if we would consider allowing them to hold one of the presentations here, potentially at our Public Works facility. It is about a three-hour session and we could invite others from around the area who would like to attend. We agreed and will work with Debbie to schedule.

Hearing Test Van:

The hearing test van will be here on May 28 from 7:30 – 9:30 am. Parks and Public Works employees are required to have their hearing tested, but it is open to all employees. Call Larry to schedule a time.

Flagger Training:

The League of Municipalities will be using our Public Works facility to conduct flagger training on April 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.

Other:

Debbie spoke about ladder safety, training and inspections, and went over a recent incident and injury that happened at another company. OSHA is now checking the ladder inspection records, so we need to make sure we are doing them correctly and keeping proper records. She distributed a handout from the American Ladder Institute with guidelines on fixed ladder safety.

Debbie also emphasized the importance of checking expiration dates on items in our first aid kits. We have a company who comes in to maintain our kits so we should be okay with this.

Larry recently ordered duffel bags for all Public Works employees to carry their PPE in. They can be assigned to different trucks each day, so they needed a way to keep all their PPE together and portable so that it doesn't matter which truck they are assigned to, they have everything they need.

George asked about extra PPE to use when unclogging toilets, especially for his face. He will be issued a face shield to use in addition to his goggles.

The next meeting will be held on April 25, 2019 at 1:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned.

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Debbie Lowery, Safety Consultant

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Larry Aldridge, Safety Officer