



“Miss Utility” of Delmarva

**UTILITIES SERVICE PROTECTION
CENTER OF DELMARVA, INC**



Minutes of the December 21, 2017 Membership Meeting

1. Call to Order and Introductions

- President Brad Ebaugh opened the regular membership meeting at Artesian Water, 644 Churchmans Rd., Newark DE 19702.
- Mission Statement: Our mission is to assist excavators, facility owners, and the public in the prevention of underground damages, service outages, personal injury, and their associated repercussions, through education and the promotion of the One Call System.
- 22 members were present.
- Those present gave the customary introductions.
- Tony Gersitz made a motion to approve minutes as amended, Steve Keyser seconded, unanimously approved by the members.

2. Presentation- Brad Ebaugh, President, Miss Utility: Holiday Safety

- Road work, especially in the dark, is especially dangerous. Use flashers and traffic control to remain safe. The holidays are a distraction for many people.
- Mr. Ebaugh reviewed the monthly damage statistics:
 - DE: 12716 tickets, 7 damages
 - 22 Members responded, 18%

 - MD: 9078 tickets, 15 damages
 - 15 Members responded, 16%

3. Excavator Concerns

- None.

4. Facility Owner Concerns

- None.

5. General Locate Issues

- Jason Lyon, City of Dover: Electric was replacing a sewer lateral running through an electric substation. The sewer lines are owned by the City. A private locator was utilized to mark power plant lines, but the electric lines were not on city drawings. A potentially dangerous situation was averted by the use of vacuum excavation, instead of a backhoe. Also, a grounding grid affects locating devices.
- Mark Gemmill, Tidewater Utilities: Felton DE: Comcast ran a line to one house, not on Comcast records. Facilities need to be added.
- Wendy Stack, W. Locco: Queen Annes County, MD- problem with sewer lateral work. Excavator not waiting for ticket to be marked (same day digging). Not responding to our concerns.
- Jerry Platt, DE PSC: Nobels Pond, Cheswold, DE. The owner of the property also owns utilities. Gas lines are not being located. Send concerns to the board of Miss Utility. The utility is responsible for depth, even after installation.
- Brad Ebaugh, DEC: Verizon clearing tickets. The electric coops. in VA/MD/DE are compiling data regarding the cost of waiting for marks. Delaware has been aware since 2015 and we have discussed filing discrepancies if there is evidence of VZ. John Hughes, VZ says they have 3 hrs. to respond to a discrepancy in VA.

6. Public Awareness

- Steve Keyser attended the Well Driller seminar with about 70 people.
- The SCOOP will be published in early January, 2018.
- Rural Water Assn., Harrington, DE in late Feb.
- I Love Smyrna Day is Feb. 24, 2018.
- Giveaways are available today, including calendars.
- One banner is available
- Contractor breakfasts are late Feb. and early March.
- April is Safe Digging Month.

7. Committee Reports

- Locator Achievement Awards- information will go out in January, 2018, for our 10th consecutive year. Event to take place in April at the Harrington Casino.

8. Old Business

- None.

9. New Business

- Congratulations to Brad Ebaugh on his retirement and for all his service to DEC and Miss Utility. Mr. Ebaugh mentioned the board election to occur in January. There are four (4) people are up for re-election. No new nominations were received. All 4 nominees (Mike Burns, Mark Gemmill, Tony Gersitz and Wendy Stack) are elected. All were in favor. Motion carried.
- The next membership meeting (January 18, 2018) will be hosted by the City of Dover, 10 Electric Ave., Dover DE 19904. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 am, with the meeting to commence at 9:00 am.

Attendance:

Baldasano	Mike	Proj. Mgr.	Parkside Utility	302-399-7553	michael.baldashno@parksideutil.com
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Ebaugh	Brad	President USPCD	D.E.C.	302-349-3148	bebaugh@decoop.com
Ebaugh	Jonathan	Locator	Utiliquest	302-632-2347	Jebaugh@live.com
Foster	Charles	Safety Specialist	Artesian Water	302-218-0939	cfoster@artesianwater.com
Gemmill	Mark	Locator	Tidewater Utilities	302-218-8538	coachmarkg@comcast.net
Gersitz	Tony	Board Member	USPCD	302-424-2434	
Greenwell	Chris	Locator	Delmarva Power	302-275-0961	chrisgreenwell@aol.com
Hughes	John	Area Manager	Verizon	215-284-4279	john.p.hughes@verizon.com
Keyser	Steven	Line Supervisor	Chesapeake Utilities	302-538-8514	skeyser@chpk.com
Lewis	Richard	Field Tech	Century Engineering	302-423-2586	Rlewis@centuryeng.com
Lyon	Jason	Vice President USPCD	City of Dover	302-736-7025	jlyon@dover.de.us
Majors	Rick	Locator	Town of Smyrna	302-423-7000	
McIntyre	Ron	Construction Insp.	City of Wilmington	302-545-5016	rmcintyre@wilmington.gov
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Platt	Jerry	Engineer	Public Service Comm.		jerry.platt@state.de.us
Stack	Wendy	President	W. Locco	302-856-9626	w.stack@mchsi.com
Sverduk	Leroy	DE Elec. Coop.	Systems Engineer	302-632-8744	lsverduk@decoop.com
Welch	Richard	Supervisor	USIC	302-233-5742	georgewelch@usidlc.com

Upcoming Events:

January, 2018

Date	Venue	Address	Time
01.18.18	City of Dover- JW Pitts Center	10 Electric Ave., Dover DE 19904	8:30 am

February, 2018

Date	Venue	Address	Time
02.15.18	Choptank Electric Coop.	24820 Meeting House Rd., Denton MD 21629	8:30 am

*For additional meetings, please visit our website, www.missutilitydelmarva.com