



STILLWATER TOWNSHIP CERT

MEETING MINUTES

April 22, 2026

Maureen

Business Meeting 6:40 pm by Maureen Tsadilas

Meeting Held Stillwater Community Center

931 Swartswood Road Newton NJ 07860

Old Business

Approval of the March 25, 2026 meeting minutes: motioned by Ilene Schwartz, seconded by Doug McIntyre. Approved.

- Fire and EMS Report: EMS: 144 Fire: 70 Calls as of 4/18/26

New Business

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- CERT volunteer Background Checks as of April 16th only a few volunteers remain who still need to complete the process.
- Maureen contacted Paul Hawkins about his suggestion of running a drill with our forestry dept. Waiting to hear back.
- Community CPR/First Aid Course was held on April 18th. Instructed by Alan Henderson American Heart Assoc. and County Commissioner. Attended by a small group, and was a

successful course. Alan wants to send a special message to our CERT team: "I give you all a lot of credit volunteering for service for the community".

- Stillwater Clean-Day April 25th 9:00 a.m. If raining (per the weather forecast), cleanup will be done on Sunday. CERT is assigned Mt Holly Road. Our CERT team will receive \$300.00 for participating in this program.
- Search and Rescue Exercise May 3rd 9:00pm. Location Veterans Memorial Park Stillwater. CERT participants should download and setup the mapping application CalTopo to their phones. Members should also familiarize themselves with the contents of the packets which were distributed at the meeting on 4/22. Lunch will be provided during the out briefing. Veterans Memorial Park, 932 Pond Brook Rd, Newton NJ. 9:00 am-1:00 pm.
- Next CERT Community Safety Program May 5th 1-2:30pm. Tick Awareness & Sun Safety presented by Juliette Bannister MRC Health Director Sussex County Division of Health. Stillwater Community Center 931 Swartswood Rd Newton NJ.
- Maureen introduced new CERT membership applicant Suzanne Garrera. All attendees voted to accept her application.
- Maureen introduced guest John Shank, visiting from Washington State. John is a former reporter who lived in Africa for a number of years and covered the conflicts and disasters there. He is now an active member of CERT in his community.
- Maureen announced that Marcia Bradley's husband David passed away 4/12/2026. Maureen sent flowers on behalf of CERT.
- The Ramapo K-9 team has split. One of the groups will continue to be headed by Patrick Crow; this group is now under the auspices of Hopatcong CERT.
- Request from Historical Society that CERT assist with pedestrian safety at an event to be held on Sunday October 4 at the Voss Homestead.
- Maureen contacted Dawn Sullivan, who runs the AED program for local medical centers, regarding providing AEDs for our three athletic fields.
- In September the NJ Search & Rescue will be running a training to receive NJ SAR B-class certification.
- OEM Report Lisa Chammings:
 - Reminder that after the Search & Rescue exercise, that participants should remove the Caltopo app from their phones for non-tracking reasons.

- On May 5 the township's budget will be finalized, after which CERT members may request reimbursements for their background check fee.
 - Regarding the dog dumping incident: Lisa provided further clarification that CERT could not be called out to assist because there was an active criminal investigation being conducted; therefore, civilians were not allowed to participate in the search.
 - Lisa provided additional information that Marcia Bradley had started the Stillwater CERT team and was the one who requested the initial charter from the township council.
- May CERT meeting will be held on May 27th @ 7:00pm Stillwater Community Center 931 Swartswood Rd Newton NJ.

Adjournment of business meeting. The session continued with Stop the Bleed training, led by Ben Griffin. Concluded 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Ilene Schwartz

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