

MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
JANUARY 2, 2024

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee convened on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at 6:13 p.m. Present were Chairman Heiland, Commissioners Baile, Berlingo, Brown, and Elksnis. Also present were Township Manager Ledley, Police Chief Hettinger, Fire Chief Clouser, Township Engineer Bortner, WWTP Superintendent Lank, Zoning Officer Smith, and Township Secretary Sweeney. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Fire Chief Clouser introduced newly hired firefighter Thomas Taylor. He will begin working on January 15, 2024, and will then attend the academy. The Committee welcomed him.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the December 4, 2023, Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: Mr. Joe Martz, residing at 565 Bankert Drive, reported that he forwarded a copy of the West Manheim Ordinance regarding shooting ranges to the Township Manager.

DISCUSS SHOOTING RANGES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY: Police Chief Hettinger reported that he has received a copy of the ordinance from West Manheim. It is presently under review and has been forwarded to the solicitor, awaiting comments.

DISCUSS VIDEO SYSTEMS FOR TOWNSHIP PARKS: Police Chief Hettinger reported that he has been investigating the acquisition of a video system for Young's Woods and the Community Park at Kid's Kingdom. In discussions with Comcast about internet connectivity, he found that Young's Woods should have easy access, while the Community Park poses a challenge due to the absence of nearby connections. Chief Hettinger is also exploring wireless connection alternatives. Additionally, he reached out to the vendor responsible for installing the video system within the municipal building. The vendor assured him that obtaining video should not be an issue, with the only potential hurdle being the internet connection.

REVIEW OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING: Fire Chief Clouser announced that the Fire Commission has officially adopted the 2024 budget. Additionally, they have approved and awarded a bid from Keith Smith Concrete for the parking lot repairs at the Clearview Fire Station. The Committee, established to engage with the fire union, has been actively collaborating with a payroll vendor responsible for managing HR, Payroll, and Insurance. Their findings and recommendations will be presented at the upcoming Commission meeting, with the hopes a decision will be made. He also reported Operation Clause has proven to be successful.

EMA UPDATE: Emergency Management Coordinator Waltman submitted his report for December, noting that a meeting is scheduled for Thursday with local authorities to initiate the development of a Cold Blue program.

Chairman Heiland congratulated Coordinator Waltman on receiving the Emergency Coordinator Choice award. Mr. Waltman explained that the award was bestowed by the York County Emergency Agency and expressed gratitude to the Committee for their ongoing support.

OTHER MATTERS: Police Chief Hettinger reported that the Emergency Management Coordinator at York County has resigned, and the department is currently in the process of hiring a replacement for the position.

CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEE REGARDING DISCUSSION ITEMS: There were none.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Sweeney,
Township Secretary