

MINUTES  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
MARCH 2, 2020

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee convened on Monday, March 2, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Felix and Commissioners Brown, Elksnis, Heiland and Van de Castle. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, Police Chief Hettinger, Fire Chief Clouser, Township Engineer Bortner, MS4 Stormwater Coordinator Hirt, and Township Secretary Sweeney. Zoning Officer Smith was absent with notice. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Felix read the announcement of the executive session that was held following the February 17, 2020, Penn Township Board of Commissioners Meeting to discuss personnel and legal issues with the solicitor.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the February 3, 2020 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None.

ST. JOSEPH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION 5K: Police Chief Hettinger reported that the township received a letter from St. Joseph Athletic Association requesting permission to conduct a 5K to be held on May 16, 2020. The request is the same as received in previous years. Police Chief Hettinger will send them the standard letter.

SONNY STREET NO PARKING STUDY: Police Chief Hettinger updated the committee on the traffic study of Sonny Street that was reported at the last meeting. The road narrows at the old section of the street, making it hazardous for thru traffic. His recommendation remains the same, to make the south side of Sonny Street no parking from the newly paved area out to Grandview Road. It is the least expensive option; the other option is to widen the street and install curbing at the property owner's expense. Parking will be available on the opposite side of the road. The Committee recommend adopting an ordinance to post no parking on the south side of Sonny Street.

ESAB MID-BLOCK CROSSWALK LIGHTING STUDY: Police Chief Hettinger updated the Committee regarding the crosswalk lighting requested by ESAB on Karen Lane and Wilson Avenue. Chief Hettinger had LTAP complete a study of the area. Their recommendation was that both the locations are favorable for either installation of rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFB), and/or concrete island. The request from ESAB was for the RRFBs. The signs would be a push button system with rapid flashing amber lights, the solar option is very reliable with the batteries lasting for five to seven years. Posting two signs at each location would be at a cost of \$15,000 at each location for the solar option. There is an electric option which is much costlier. The road area is not wide enough for the concrete island which would be placed in the middle of the road requiring the cars to go around. Commissioner Brown stated that it is his understanding ESAB said they would pay for the initial installation, and the township would be

responsible for the maintenance. The posting of the signs will have to be approved by Penn DOT. The Committee recommended moving forward with the signs as long as ESAB paid for the signs and installation, with the township being responsible for the maintenance.

O'NEILL AVENUE NO PARKING REQUEST: Police Chief Hettinger reported that he had an officer survey the area that Ms. Norton requested a no parking sign on O'Neill Avenue, and it was found that it is unjustified. Chief Hettinger will be meeting with Ms. Norton to see if they can speak to the neighbor about moving the truck which obstructs her view coming out of her driveway.

90 HENRY STREET "NO OUTLET" REQUEST: Police Chief Hettinger reported that the Township received a letter from Sean Patrick Logue, 90 Henry Street requesting a "No Outlet" sign be installed at the intersection of Henry Street and Krentler Drive. Chief Hettinger stated that he has drove by the area and he understands their concern. At the intersection it appears to be a road, however it dead ends into their property, and recommends that a no outlet sign be posted. Mr. Logue stated that they did have private drive signs posted, but they were removed recently due to work that was completed on their property and not yet been reposted. Mr. Logue added it's been consistently at least two cars daily, that come in to their drive and turn around often destroying their yard, but recently this has increased to sometimes eight to ten cars daily. Manager Rodgers asked if this needed to be done by ordinance, Chief Hettinger stated that he would check into it, but the sign is not enforceable, and is more of a warning. The Committee recommended moving forward with the request.

NORTHERN YORK COUNTY REGIONAL P.D. M.O.U.: Police Chief Hettinger reported that the due to the dissolution of Southwestern Regional Police Department, the Northern York County Regional Police Department now operates in Manheim Township and Heidelberg Township. Chief Hettinger presented them with our Memorandum of Understanding for mutual aid. The Committee recommended approving the agreement.

ORDINANCE FOR BROOKSIDE DEVELOPMENT SIGNS: Police Chief Hettinger reported that in 2016 traffic studies were conducted for speed limit, stop signs, and no parking, within the Brookside Development. All studies were reviewed again, with minor corrections being made to street names and directions. The traffic studies are ready, and an ordinance needs to be adopted to enforce the signs. Manager Rodgers stated that she will add Sonny Street to the ordinance. The Committee recommended adopting the ordinance.

REVIEW OF THE HANOVER AREA FIRE & RESCUE MEETING: Fire Chief Clouser reported that at the Fire Commission Meeting they reviewed the volunteer agreement and he is still working on this and will be getting a copy to Commissioner Brown. Chief Clouser stated that the Request for Proposal for legal services were sent out last week. He also has been working on the by-laws to reflect the consolidation of the committees that he suggested to the two managers. The Board agreed to have Solicitor Hovis review all documents until the Commission obtains their own solicitor.

EMA UPDATE: Emergency Management Coordinator Jeff Waltman presented his report for February. He added there is continued participation in the York County Department of Emergency Services multiple-phase THIRA process. Phase III will start next week which would include disasters such as nuclear, earthquake, power outages, urban fires, and finding ways to reduce the loss of life. He reported on the coronavirus. The said there are still a lot of unknowns. He is checking with the CDC regularly, and will continue to monitor and keep the committee informed. Manager Rodgers stated that she and WWTP Superintendent Mahone are checking regarding the Waste Water Treatment Plant to see how long the virus stays alive. She also wanted to make the Committee aware that she is not sure how this will impact the township financially.

OTHER MATTERS: Police Chief Hettinger stated that he spoke with Steve Thomas, regarding a project he has been working on for cancer awareness. Mr. Thomas took the liberty of creating a mug with the pink police patch on it. Chief Hettinger thought it would be a great opportunity to do a fundraiser with the mug and the patch. He said other departments across the county do something similar. Chief Hettinger stated he could post on facebook to see if there would be an interest. He could make them available at the department, and the municipal building, National Night Out, and also post in the newsletter. The Committee recommended moving forward, and keep Manager Rodgers updated on the progress.

Commissioner Felix asked the committee if they wanted to proceed in moving forward with a noise ordinance. Commissioner Elksnis asked Chief Hettinger if he receives many complaints, he said the few that are received, an officer will notify the resident that complaints were received, and that usually takes care of the situation. The Committee agreed that no further action is needed to be taken at this time.

Commissioner Felix asked Chief Clouser if he wanted to update the Committee with the recent fire in February. Chief Clouser stated that at the last Borough Meeting they recognized three Police Officers, and at the next Commission Meeting they would like to recognize George Keriazes, and Sherry, one of his employees at the Famous Hot Weiner for opening the business early to feed the fire victims and firefighters. The facility was also used by the Red Cross to interview the victims. Chief said they went above and beyond, and he was very grateful.

CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEE REGARDING DISCUSSION ITEMS:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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