

MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MARCH 1, 2021

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee convened on Monday, March 1, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. via an online meeting. Present were Chairman Brown and Commissioners Cromer, Elksnis, and Heiland. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, Police Chief Hettinger, Fire Chief Clouser, Township Engineer Bortner, Zoning Officer Smith and Township Secretary Sweeney. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Brown announced there was an executive session held following the February 15, 2021, Penn Township Board of Commissioners Meeting to discuss personnel and legal issues. Chairman Brown further announced there would be an executive session held following the Public Works Committee meeting.

Commissioner Brown read a summary of the online public meeting guidelines.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the February 1, 2021, Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: There were none.

DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY: Police Chief Hettinger reported he was contacted to sponsor a drug take back program on Saturday, April 24, 2021, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Use of the Public Works driveway on Wilson Avenue was requested, signs would be posted directing one-way traffic flow. Officers would be present for collection. Commissioner Elksnis stated this is the same day as the scheduled shredding & food drive event. He requested Chief Hettinger to coordinate with WWTP Superintendent Mahone for proper signage for both events to avoid public confusion. The committee had no objections.

REVIEW OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING: Fire Chief Clouser reported the current firefighter eligibility list approved by the Civil Service Commission is due to expire June, 17, 2021. Chief Clouser reported he is working to compile a joint list with Hanover Borough as it has been done in the past. Chief Clouser reported at the last Fire Commission Meeting the newly formed committees had the opportunity to meet. The Finance and Personnel Committee established a negotiation committee to meet with the union, the tentative date is March 10th. Chief Clouser reported that all the personnel policies are currently being reviewed by the solicitor. The Building and Apparatus Committee discussed the issues with the oil/water separator at the Clover Lane Station, Chief Clouser is working with WWTP Superintendent Mahone for a solution to the issue. Also discussed is the need for a new fire engine prior to 2024, as well as expansion needed at the Clearview Fire Station. The Operations Committee discussed increasing meeting capacity, and vaccination status for career and volunteer staff.

EMA UPDATE: Chief Clouser reported EMA Coordinator Waltman was unable to attend this evening. Chief Clouser reported Mr. Waltman is working on updating the Penn Township and Hanover Borough Operations Plan, as well as putting together survival kits for fire victims.

EMERGENCY DECLARATION EXTENSION: Chairman Brown reported the Emergency Declaration began on March 16, 2020, and has been extended thus far. The committee agreed to extend the Emergency Declaration through March 8, 2021.

OTHER MATTERS: Fire Chief Clouser reported the fire extinguishers will be inspected at all the township facilities within the upcoming week. He added he will be inspecting the sprinkler system at the Highway shed.

CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEE REGARDING DISCUSSION ITEMS: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Sweeney,
Township Secretary