

MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MAY 3, 2021

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee convened on Monday, May 3, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Brown and Commissioners Black, 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 April 19, 2021, Penn Township Board of Commissioners Meeting to discuss personnel and legal issues.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the April 5, 2021, Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: There were none.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE: Police Chief Hettinger reported that the Memorial Day Parade is still on schedule as planned. Manager Rodgers reported there will be a car for the Commissioners if they plan to ride in the parade. Chairman Brown asked Chief Hettinger to put the notice of the parade on their Facebook page.

FIREWORKS REQUEST FOR SOUTHWEST SCHOOL DISTRICT CHORAL OUTDOOR CONCERT: Manager Rodgers reported Southwestern School District requested to have a firework display on May 14th at the conclusion of their Choral Concert. The fireworks ordinance has a requirement of a bond, and the bond process will take two weeks, the district is requesting to bring in a cashiers or certified check in lieu of the bond due to the time constraints. The committee had no issues with the request.

REVIEW OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING: Fire Chief Clouser reported the Commission Meeting was held as scheduled. Chief Clouser updated the committee on the work to correct the drainage/piping issue in the bay area of the apparatus room at the Clover Lane Fire Station. He added that while the contractor was there doing the repair, he obtained estimates for repair of sidewalk and curbing due to settlement at the station. Commissioners Brown and Cromer expressed their concern on the rising deficit of the finances of the EMS. Commissioner Cromer stated that much of the income has dropped off due to lower payments from insurance, Medicare and Medicaid.

EMA UPDATE: EMA Coordinator Waltman reviewed his April report.

EMERGENCY DECLARATION EXTENSION: Manager Rodgers reported the Emergency Declaration began on March 16, 2020, and has been extended thus far. The committee agreed to extend the Emergency Declaration through May 10, 2021.

OTHER MATTERS: Chairman Brown stated Manager Rodgers received a request from a resident to hold a block party. After discussion the Committee agreed if the neighbors wanted to hold in their yard, that is their decision, but the Committee is not in favor of closing streets due to liability issues.

Police Chief Hettinger reported that the Drug Take Back event held on April 24th was a success. They collected eighty pounds worth of drugs to be disposed. Chief Hettinger thanked Fire Chief Clouser for permitting the event to be held at the Clover Lane Fire Station.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Sweeney,
Township Secretary