

MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MAY 2, 2022

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee convened on Monday, May 2, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Elksnis and Commissioners Allison, Berlingo, Brown, and Heiland. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, Police Lieutenant Merwede, Fire Chief Clouser, Township Engineer Bortner, Zoning Officer Smith, and Township Secretary Sweeney. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Elksnis announced that there was an executive session held following the April 18, 2022, Penn Township Board of Commissioners Meeting to discuss personnel and legal issues.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the April 4, 2022, Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: Mr. Asher Langenfeld, 45 S. Center Street was in attendance to express concern of driver speed and enforcement on S. Center Street. Lieutenant Merwede stated that he could direct his officers to do some observations, and place speeding strips in the area.

DISCUSS BRAKE RETARDER RESTRICTIONS: Commissioner Heiland reported that the Borough of Hanover just passed brake retarder restrictions, and asked the Committee if this is something that should be revisited within the Township. Commissioner Heiland asked if it was tied to state routes. Commissioner Brown stated that PennDOT has a four percent grade requirement, and the two problem areas are Grandview Road and Blooming Grove Road, and PennDOT stated that we cannot restrict those because they exceed the four percent.

REVIEW OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING: Fire Chief Clouser reported the Fire Commission meeting went well. He stated that two Emergency Medical Service employees were presented an award from the Pennsylvania Department of Health for life saving treatment of a patient that was in cardiac arrest. At the next Commission meeting there will be another award presentation for eight people from Fire and EMS. On May 9, 2022, the Finance and Personnel Committee will be conducting interviews for the Business Manager position.

Chief Clouser also reported on the tent that is located at a business on the 900 block of Baltimore Street. After an inspection was completed with the Building Code Inspector and the Zoning Officer, the tent was found to be out of compliance. The Zoning Officer has issued letters of violation and Chief Clouser has sent a certified letter informing the property owner has ten days to remove the tent.

EMA UPDATE: Emergency Management Coordinator Waltman reviewed his April report. EMA Waltman also reported that COVID cases are on the rise throughout the country, but stable locally.

OTHER MATTERS: There were none.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Sweeney,
Township Secretary