

MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
JUNE 7, 2021

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee convened on Monday, June 7, 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, Township Engineer Bortner, Zoning Officer Smith and Township Secretary Sweeney. Fire Chief Clousher joined the meeting at 7:15 p.m. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Brown announced there was an executive session held following the June 1, 2021, Health and Sanitation Committee Meeting to discuss personnel and legal issues, Chairman Brown also announced there would be an executive session held after the meeting this evening.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the May 3, 2021, Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: There were none.

HANOVER JAYCEES ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE: The Committee received a letter dated May 17, 2021, from the Hanover Area Jaycees requesting to hold the annual Halloween Parade on Thursday, October 28, 2021, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Manager Rodgers suggested scheduling Trick-or-Treat for Tuesday, October 26, 2021, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Committee recommended setting the dates.

CODY RMS ADDITIONAL MODULE (NIBRS REPORT FORM): Police Chief Hettinger reported that approximately a year ago they switched over to CODY, a cloud-based reporting management system. The federal government went live with the NIBRS, National Incident-Based Reporting System, as of January 22, 2021. Pennsylvania has not yet adopted this system, but will in the near future. CODY has a module available to implement this system. The additional cost is approximately \$2,500/year, bringing the total to approximately \$16,000/year for the reporting system. The Committee recommended that the Chief include this increase in his budget for 2022.

CAMERAS FOR YORK STREET/CENTER STREET INTERSECTION: Police Chief Hettinger reported that the poles at the intersection of York Street and Center Street had been struck by tractor trailers numerous times within the last few years. The pole was recently struck, bending the main pole. The traffic maintenance company was out to evaluate the damage, if the entire pole were to be replaced, it would be approximately \$30,000.00, however, they were able to straighten the pole this time at a much lesser expense. Chief Hettinger stated that the current traffic cameras there are only to trigger the light, the cost to add a four camera, high quality system with the capability to record would be \$6,886.50, with an internet drop at \$110/month. The

Committee recommended further discussion on the issue at the July Committee Meeting.

POLICE RE-ACCREDITATION: Police Chief Hettinger reported that the re-accreditation process went smoothly and the department has been recommended to be re-accredited.

FIREWORKS PERMIT WAIVER REQUEST: Manager Rodgers reported she received a request dated May 31, 2021, from Bixler Pyrotechnics for a waiver from the required bond in the fireworks permit application for a firework display for Homewood at Plum Creek on June 25, 2021. In lieu of the bond, a bank check with guaranteed funds for the entire amount of the display will be held by the Township. This is similar to the request from Southwestern High School in May. After some discussion, the Committee recommended approving the request.

REVIEW OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING: Fire Chief Clouser reported that there is a concern regarding the lack of EMS revenue meeting what is budgeted. He is working with Commissioner Cromer, and the EMS Captain, and hope to have an idea on the budget by the Fire Commission Finance meeting on June 14, 2021.

EMA UPDATE: EMA Coordinator Waltman submitted his May 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 June 14, 2021.

OTHER MATTERS: Manager Rodgers reminded the Committee that the Public Safety, Public Works, Finance and Health & Sanitation Committee meetings will be held all on the same evening on Tuesday, July 6, 2021, Monday, August 2, 2021, and on Tuesday, September 7, 2021.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Sweeney,
Township Secretary