

MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
JULY 6, 2021

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee convened on Tuesday, July 6, 2021, at 6:00 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, WWTP Superintendent Mahone, Zoning Officer Smith and Township Secretary Sweeney. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Brown announced there was an executive session held following the June 21, 2021, Board of Commissioners Meeting to discuss personnel and legal issues.

Commissioner Heiland announced there would be an executive session held after the meeting this evening.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the June 7, 2021, Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: There were none.

2021 SOUTH WESTERN SCHOOL DISTRICT MOU: Police Chief Hettinger reported he received the Memorandum of Understanding from South Western School District. He reported that it is in a completely different format this year, but the content appears to be the same as years past. Chief Hettinger stated he forwarded the contract to Manager Rodgers to send to the solicitor for review.

Chief Hettinger also reported that there are four candidates for the Probationary Police Officer position and the candidates are under review by the Civil Service Commission.

Chief Hettinger reported they received close to two dozen complaints over the weekend for fireworks. Most reports wanted to remain unanimous, making it difficult to enforce the ordinance.

REVIEW OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING: Fire Chief Clouser reported the Hanover Area Fire Commission Finance Committee met and there is a significant shortfall of EMS revenue, they will have a report available for next month's Public Safety Committee Meeting.

EMA UPDATE: EMA Coordinator Waltman reviewed his June report.

OTHER MATTERS: Chairman Brown submitted a photo to the Committee of 543 Baltimore Street of an extension ladder being used as access to a second story apartment, it is his understanding that the ladder has been there for several years. Fire

Chief Clouser stated this does not qualify as a legal escape route. Chairman Brown expressed concern for public safety. Manager Rodgers requested Zoning Officer Smith to look into the past Zoning cases for the history on this matter.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Sweeney,
Township Secretary