

MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
AUGUST 5, 2019

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee convened on Monday, August 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Brown and Commissioners Heiland, Felix, Klunk and Van de Castle. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, Police Chief Hettinger, Fire Chief Clouser, Township Engineer Bortner, Zoning Officer Smith, WWTP Superintendent Mahone, and Township Secretary Sweeney. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the July 1, 2019 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: Wayne Singer, 896 Hershey Heights Road, requested a speed trap to be placed on Hershey Heights Blvd. Commissioner Brown stated that that will be addressed later in the meeting.

PPO MARCIONETTE COMPLETING PROBATION: Police Chief Hettinger stated that Officer Marcionette recently completed probation and has been doing an outstanding job.

UPDATE ON CODY POLICE RMS: Police Chief Hettinger reported that they are having weekly meetings with representatives for the CODY reporting management system to ensure the records are transferring correctly. The goal is to have training in February with implementation of the new system in March.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR: Police Chief Hettinger reported that the traffic signals at Center Street & York Street and at Clover Lane and Baltimore Street have been repaired. ATS repaired the signals in a timely matter. Police Chief Hettinger reported that we currently use Mr. Gilbert Colehouse, the electrician for Hanover Borough and he does a great job. Commissioner Klunk suggested that possibly we might want to have a two tiered arrangement, having someone for the larger more urgent situations. Commissioner Brown requested Manager Rodgers to look into several options to discuss at the next meeting.

YORK COUNTY DTF USING OFFICE SPACE AT PENN TOWNSHIP PD: The York County Drug Task Force has requested to use an office at the Penn Township Police Department that would place a full time officer in the area. Chief Hettinger stated he had an interview room available and is awaiting a certificate of insurance from York County. The committee had no objections and recommended moving forward.

HALLOWEEN PARADE AND TRICK-OR-TREAT NIGHTS: Police Chief Hettinger reported that the Hanover Halloween Parade is scheduled for Thursday, October 31,

2019, and Trick-or-Treat is scheduled for Tuesday, October 29, 2019. The committee had no issues with the dates.

2020 KLUGH ANIMAL CONTROL AGREEMENT: Police Chief Hettinger reported that he received the contract from Klugh Animal Control. The contract is similar to last year with a small increase in fee. Police Chief Hettinger stated that they are very prompt, and is happy with their service. The committee had no objections and recommended moving forward.

CONTRACT REVIEW FROM ENERGY SYSTEMS GROUP: Fire Chief Clouser reported that he forwarded the contract to Manager Rodgers and Solicitor Hovis for review.

CLOVER LANE FIRE STATION DRIVEWAY FROM RIPPLE DRIVE: Fire Chief Clouser reported that J.A. Myers has begun staking out for the work on the driveway entrance on Ripple Drive.

UPDATE ON HIRING PROCESS FOR NEW FIREFIGHTER: Fire Chief Clouser reported the Police Department has completed the back ground checks and currently has three of his Captains working on completing the reference calls. Fire Chief Clouser stated that he should have an idea in about two weeks. Commissioner Brown asked how many firefighters the department is down. Chief Clouser responded he has one vacancy, has one deployed, hopefully due back in October, and one out on workman's comp due back in August. Commissioner Brown commented that he was impressed with the response time with the department.

Commissioner Klunk asked if the committee was prepared to make a decision on the Deputy Chief position. Fire Chief Clouser stated he was going to include in budget presentation. Commissioner Felix stated that he would like wait to see how it fits into the budget before making a recommendation.

OTHER MATTERS: Chief Hettinger stated that National Night out is on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at the Target parking lot from 6 pm – 8 pm. There will be many vendors, free hot dogs and water. The Police Department will be raffling off five Ring Home Security Systems to Penn Township Residents.

Police Chief Hettinger reported that he has the opportunity to purchase a twin pack of electronic speed signs for under \$5,900.00. The sale will end at the end of the summer, and that there may be room in the budget. The one sign we have now is approximately six years old, it has just been repaired, and is currently placed on Moore Drive. The committee had no objections and recommended moving forward.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Township Secretary