

MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
AUGUST 1, 2022

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee convened on Monday, August 1, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Elksnis and Commissioners Allison, Berlingo, and Heiland. 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. Commissioner Brown joined the meeting at 7:17pm via cell phone. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Elksnis announced that there was an executive session held following the July 18, 2022, Penn Township Board of Commissioners Meeting to discuss personnel and legal issues. Commissioner Heiland announced that there was an executive session held on July 26, 2022 to discuss personnel issues.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the July 5, 2022, Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: There were none.

YORK STREET AND CENTER STREET INTERSECTION: Police Chief Hettinger reported he received notice from PennDOT of a complaint from a citizen that when traveling westbound on York Street it is difficult to make a left turn onto South Center Street due to the amount of traffic. The citizen is requesting a left turning signal be posted at the intersection. Chief Hettinger reached out to our traffic signal company and received an estimate of approximately \$2,100, plus additional costs for the traffic studies involved. Chief Hettinger stated that he believes the traffic back-up is only in the evening during rush hour. He was informed by the traffic signal company that we may not meet the requirements for this light but could move forward with the traffic studies if the Township requests to do so. Manager Rodgers stated that there should have been a traffic study completed prior to when the Brookside development was constructed. The Committee will take this under advisement.

Police Chief Hettinger reported that when the traffic signal at the intersection of Center and York Street was installed, Center Street was designated "No Truck Traffic", and York Street was posted correctly in both directions. South Center Street was dedicated a Township Road and trucks have been moving throughout the neighborhoods and travel up South Center Street where there are no signs posted. Chief Hettinger contacted PennDOT asking what can be done and the Township is cleared to post the signs on South Center Street as well. Manager Rodgers stated this will need to be done by resolution. The Committee recommended adopting the resolution.

Police Chief Hettinger reported that the new phone system installation went well, however there are five outlets that need to be wired. He received a quote of \$1,270 from a local company in York.

Police Chief Hettinger reported that he had forwarded the quotes to update the security system cameras. He would like to move forward with this project. The Committee agreed that the project should move forward beginning with the Police Department.

REVIEW OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING: Fire Chief Clouser reported he was unable to attend the Fire Commission Meeting therefore, he highlighted the meeting minutes. Chief Clouser reported that the Captain's test will be on September 19th, there are approximately eight candidates. He reported on the firefighter positions, the Police department has completed the first three background checks, and are finishing up the remaining two. He will be presenting a list of candidates to choose from in the near future.

EMA UPDATE: Emergency Management Coordinator Waltman reviewed his July report. He also reported on a hazardous waste incident during the Snack Town Street Fair that occurred in Hanover Borough. When the rain began, the spill ran down a storm drain emptying into Oil Creek. He reported the rain diluted the spill and when the creek was checked, it appeared to be fine. Coordinator Waltman stated that on September 28, Cybersecurity & Infrastructure is hosting a two-hour webinar on the lack of shooter preparedness, he can provide information to those interested.

OTHER MATTERS: Chairman Elksnis announced that tomorrow evening is National Night Out from 6-9 pm, at the Pet Smart parking lot, inviting everyone to attend.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Sweeney,
Township Secretary