

MINUTES  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
OCTOBER 5, 2020

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee convened on Monday, October 5, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Brown and Commissioners Cromer, Elksnis, Heiland and Van de Castle. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, Police Chief Hettinger, Fire Chief Clouser and Township Secretary Sweeney. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Brown read the announcement of the executive session that was held following the September 21, 2020, Penn Township Board of Commissioners Meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the September 1, 2020 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: Mr. Elijah Fisher, 70 Bowman Road, stated that the resident at 60 Bowman Road, is working outside at the property all hours of the night, as well as mowing the lawn at 10 p.m. Mr. Fisher added that the building looks as it should be condemned. Police Chief Hettinger will look into the situation. Chairman Brown requested Mr. Fisher to call 911 when this occurs and file a complaint.

KLUGH 2021 ANIMAL CONTROL AGREEMENT: Police Chief Hettinger reported that the service agreement with Klugh Animal Control is the same with the exception of the overtime hours will now begin an hour earlier at 5 p.m. and the annual retention fee has increased an additional \$100.00. Chief Hettinger stated they are happy with the service she has provided. The committee recommended approving the agreement.

UPDATE ON NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: Police Chief Hettinger reported that National Night Out will be held tomorrow, October 6, 2020. The event will be more of a traditional event with officers driving throughout the neighborhoods. The officers have stress balls as well as jelly rings with LED flashing lights to hand out. There will be five motorized and two bicycle units traveling participating.

BROOKSIDE HEIGHTS PHASE 4 TRAFFIC STUDY: Police Chief Hettinger reported that a traffic and engineering study was conducted at Brookside Heights Phase 4, on Coop Lane, between Overlook Drive and Pacer Drive, and at lot 64 which provides multi-family access connections to Pacer Drive. The study was conducted by the construction company in regards to stop signs, parking restrictions, and speed limits. Chief Hettinger stated he has no issues and suggested moving forward.

HAWK HUSTLE 5K FUNDRAISER: Police Chief Hettinger received a letter from The Hanover Athletic Booster Club dated September 24, 2020, requesting to host the annual Hawk Hustle 5K Fundraiser on November 14, 2020. The request is the same as past

years, and have had no issues in the past with the event. Chief Hettinger will send them a letter.

UPDATE ON 4 SCOTT STREET FIRE CODE ISSUES: Fire Chief Clouser reported the resident at 4 Scott Street was cited under 3 sections of the fire code regulations. The magistrate gave him a 30-day continuance to come into compliance. The neighbor has complained of the smell and has pictures of live and dead rats on the property. Manager Rodgers added the Zoning Officer is able to file more charges as of October 1, 2020. The township will continue to seek an avenue to resolving this issue.

REVIEW OF THE FIRE BUDGET: Fire Chief Clouser presented an overview of the fire department budget that included the Hanover Area Fire and Rescue Commission budget. He reported increases in salaries, insurance, and hydrant repairs. He then presented the Fire Commission Budget with the proposed figure of \$707,772.00. This is the budget that was presented to Hanover Borough and Hanover Borough Manager Dunford had made a few suggestions. Chief Clouser stated that this year the Commission is set to go live with billing as of January 1, 2021, this should provide about \$1.25 million in revenue and approximately \$170,000 in solicitations with EMS. Chief Clouser reported he eliminated the Deputy Chief position, one new vehicle and one used vehicle to help decrease the budget to bring the intergovernmental contributions down to \$647,264. Chief Clouser also proposed that when he takes vacation time, that one of his captains be placed as active fire chief, and be compensated as so. The committee agreed this is worth further discussion.

REVIEW OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING: Fire Chief Clouser and the Committee discussed the subject of the Fire Commission and the volunteers.

EMA UPDATE: EMA Coordinator reviewed his September report. He added that he submitted \$17,000 in COVID expenses into FEMA and is eligible for 75%. The Hanover Christmas Parade, and tree lighting have been canceled, however the Hanover Chamber of Commerce is working on alternative plans to celebrate the holiday season. He is in the process of proposing a candidate for a deputy EMA Coordinator, this is an unpaid position. Coordinator Waltman updated the committee on the latest COVID statistics for the area.

OTHER MATTERS: Police Chief Hettinger reported that the five traffic lights for the Baltimore-Grandview corridor have been retimed. It was discovered the southbound on Grandview and Blooming Grove the traffic loop coils in the road are broken. Chief Hettinger provided several options for the repair. The committee recommended that Chief Hettinger proceed with repairing the loop with the camera option.

Manager Rodgers reported that the Emergency Declaration began on March 16, 2020, she asked the committee if they would like to extend the declaration. The committee agreed to extend the declaration until Monday, October 12, 2020.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Sweeney  
Township Secretary