

MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 4, 2019

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee convened on Monday, November 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Brown and Commissioners Cromer, Felix, Heiland and Van de Castle. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, Police Chief Hettinger, Township Engineer Bortner, Zoning Officer Smith, MS4 Stormwater Coordinator Hirt, and Township Secretary Sweeney. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the October 7, 2019 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None.

PPO PULLER COMPLETING PROBATION: Police Chief Hettinger stated Officer Puller will be completing probation status on December 10, 2019. He has been doing a fantastic job, and recommends he be moved to First Year Patrolman status upon completion of probation.

KAREN LANE BRIDGE WEIGHT RESTRICTION: Police Chief Hettinger reported that a study was completed and additional weight restrictions will need to be placed on the Karen Lane Bridge. In order to enforce the restrictions, an ordinance needs to be adopted. Engineer Bortner explained that county conducted biannual bridge inspections on any bridge that has a twenty-foot span or greater, HRG inspected the bridge and weight restrictions were suggested. The bridge structure repair would be approximately a \$350,000 project with a year of construction. Commissioner Heiland asked if the work has been included in the budget for next year. Engineer Bortner stated he planned for engineering in the budget for 2020, and the construction for 2021. Commissioner Brown stated that this will be discussed further at the Public Works Committee meeting. Manager Rodger asked if she should prepare the ordinance for advertising and adoption at the next Board of Commissioners meeting, the committee made a favorable recommendation.

OTHER MATTERS: Police Chief Hettinger provided the committee with the cost breakdown for the needed replacement of vehicles for the police department. He is proposing an SUV and a F150 truck. The truck would be used mostly for patrol, however it would be useful for picking up abandoned items. The truck is slightly more costly than the SUV vehicle. The committee will discuss further at the budget meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Sweeney
Township Secretary