

MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 7, 2020

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee convened on Monday, December 7, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. via an online meeting. Present were Chairman Brown and Commissioners Cromer, Elksnis, Heiland and Van de Castle. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, Police Chief Hettinger, Township Engineer Bortner, Zoning Officer Smith and Township Secretary Sweeney. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Brown announced there was an executive session held following the December 1, 2020, Penn Township Health and Sanitation Committee Meeting to discuss wages and personnel matters.

Commissioner Brown read a summary of the online public meeting guidelines.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the November 2, 2020, Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: There were none.

POLICE DEPARTMENT'S VEHICLES: Police Chief Hettinger reported a second police vehicle was purchased this year in September. The equipment for the vehicle was ordered 1 ½ to 2 months prior to the purchase, and has not been received as of yet due to COVID. The vehicle has been at B Moyer in Palmyra since September. The department is currently down one vehicle. Chief Hettinger is hoping the equipment will be delivered soon and hopes to get the vehicle on the road with in the next month.

REVIEW OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING: Chairman Brown stated that Fire Chief Clouser is absent, his report will be attached to the minutes.

EMA UPDATE: EMA Coordinator Waltman reviewed his November report. EMA Coordinator Waltman also spoke of the area hospitals and PPE supplies, due to COVID.

EMERGENCY DECLARATION EXTENSION: Chairman Brown reported the Emergency Declaration began on March 16, 2020, and has been extended thus far. The committee agreed to extend the Emergency Declaration through December 14, 2020.

OTHER MATTERS: Chairman Brown requested an update on Scott Street. Zoning Officer Smith reported that all paperwork has been sent to the attorney, and is under review.

Chairman Brown expressed appreciation to Mrs. Stultz, 6 Scott Street, for her assistance with the township with the Scott Street situation.

CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEE REGARDING DISCUSSION ITEMS: The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioner Brown
Manager Rodgers

FROM: Fire Chief Clouser

DATE: December 4, 2020

RE: December Public Safety Meeting

Commissioner Brown & Manager Rodgers,

I will be unable to attend the Public Safety Committee meeting on Monday December 7th, 2020 due to being enrolled in the Incident Safety Officer Program at the York County Fire School that begins the same evening.

I believe you received my report referencing the inspection that Zoning Officer Smith and myself conducted at 4 Scott Street. I believe the pictures we provided clearly illustrated the hoarding conditions and health concerns inside and outside the home.

As you know, Manager Rodgers has suggested the fire department bring Santa to the neighborhoods to see the children. We will be taking Santa on the ladder truck to the neighborhoods in Penn Township on the afternoons of December 12 & 13. The police department will also be participating. The following weekend we will do the Borough. Thanks to Manager Rodgers for coming up with the idea. I believe it will be well-received by the community. We should also recognize Main Street Hanover and Justine Trucksess who has put us in contact with their Santa who has agreed to do this since he won't be seeing children in his cabin this year. The Main Street Hanover Christmas Committee has offered to help in any way they can and be COVID-safe.

Review of the Commission Meeting:

- Reviewed the language revisions made by the volunteers. A motion was made to draft a resolution to sign the agreement to have it voted upon at the next meeting.
- The budget has been approved by both municipalities and will be brought for approval to the Commission.
- I report the increasing the maintenance costs that we have incurred on Engine 79-3 (2010 KME Compressed Air Foam System pumper). These costs are specific to the compressed air foam system. I have had the compressor shut off and we are using the pumper as a Class A Foam Pumper just as we are the other pumpers.

- The solicitor reviewed proposed amendments to the By-laws. They were distributed to the Commission members for their review. If they are acceptable as written to the Board, I hope to have them approved.

We entered into Phase III of our *Epidemiological Situational Awareness and Response Plan* today. This phase will eliminate all in-person meetings and training sessions. It requires that all staff wear face masks at all time while on-duty. I felt it necessary with the increased number of COVID (+) cases that we are seeing not only across the nation, but also in the Hanover area. We now have two Penn firefighters in quarantine after their wives became ill and tested positive for COVID. One of the firefighters has not had any illness but the other did develop symptoms. Both of the firefighters have tested negative at this point.

Our COVID supplies are good for now. But we are actively pursuing obtaining most supplies, mainly the N95 masks. For each known positive patient that we encounter, we must issue new masks to the crew. We had to issue twelve just this week. Since the nationwide supplies are low and the demand high, we are being as diligent as possible in purchasing supplies at the best price possible.

Thank you.