

PENN TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MARCH 4, 2013

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee met on Monday, March 4, 2013 at 7:00 PM. Present were Chairman Prieber and Commissioners Klunk, Felix, Heilman and Goldsmith. Also present were Manager Garvick, Police Chief Laughlin, Fire Chief Cromer and Administrative Assistant Rodgers. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Prieber announced an executive session will be held following the finance committee meeting. Commissioner Prieber read the announcement of the executive session held following the February 18, 2013 Board of Commissioners meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the February 4, 2013 public safety committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: None.

HANOVER HERITAGE ASSOCIATION: The Township received a request dated February 12, 2013 from the Hanover Heritage Association to hold the 250th Anniversary of Hanover parade on June 29, 2013 following the same route as the Hanover Halloween parade. Police Chief Laughlin stated that he has not been in contact with anyone from the Association with regards to the parade but will reach out to them to find out their plans. He has heard they are anticipating a large number of horses and that Hanover Borough will be applying for the PennDOT permit to close the necessary state roads.

CIVIL SERVICE REGULATIONS: Chief Laughlin stated that he would like to have the Penn Township Civil Service Regulations amended regarding the promotion of Sergeant. The regulations should require at least three full years as a patrolman, not counting the probationary period, which would result in the officer having four years of experience prior to taking the test for Sergeant. The Committee recommended making the change to five years experience for sergeant promotion. The recommendation will be forwarded to the Civil Service Commission for their consideration.

FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDS: Chief Cromer stated that the Fire Department has received donated funds which he would like to use for an emergency services provider commendation program to be held on April 25, 2013 at the South Western High School; a hose tray divider for the 2004 Sutphen; and several pairs of boots for some of the fire fighters. The Committee recommended approving the requests.

DCED FACILITATOR: Manager Garvick reported that the Township is receiving a Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) grant for the sharing of fire chief services with Hanover Borough. In order to secure additional funds, the two municipalities have agreed to form a committee to discuss additional shared services and cooperative measures related to fire and ems. A Letter of Intent is required to obtain a facilitator to assist the Committee. The Committee recommended approving the request.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS FOR THE COMMITTEE: None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina J. Rodgers, Township Secretary