

PENN TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
JULY 7, 2014

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee met on Monday, July 7, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Prieber and Commissioners Klunk, Felix, Goldsmith and Heilman. Also present were Manager Garvick, Police Chief Laughlin, Fire Chief Cromer and Administrative Assistant Rodgers. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Felix announced an executive session was held following the health and sanitation committee meeting on July 1, 2014 to discuss personnel issues.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the June 2, 2014 public safety committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: None.

NIGHT OUT: Chief Laughlin stated that Officer John Carbaugh is planning the Hanover Night Out for August 5, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the South Western High School.

CROP WALK: The committee received a request from the Hanover Council of Churches to conduct the annual Crop Walk on October 19, 2014. After some discussion about prior events the committee recommended approving the request if the group needs to utilize the fire police.

5K RUN/WALK: The committee received a request from the MDA to conduct a run/walk on October 18, 2014. The committee will not approve or deny the request but the Chief of Police is to send a letter informing the organization that they are responsible for the participant's safety.

YMCA HALF-MARATHON: The committee received a request on behalf of the YMCA to conduct a half-marathon in October 2015. A preliminary route was provided. Chief Laughlin stated that he did not have any additional information but he would be attending a meeting in several days to discuss the details.

POLICE CRUISER: Chief Laughlin reported that Car 19 is being repaired as a result of an accident.

YORK STREET AND CENTER STREET: Chief Laughlin reported that the signal at York and Center Streets would be activated soon but there are concerns about truck traffic. The Township would like to keep tractor-trailer traffic from entering Center Street from York Street and instead have them utilize the Wilson Avenue entrance. Manager Garvick will contact PennDOT about the concerns.

TREES AND SHRUBS: It was noted that there are trees and shrubs growing at several intersections causing problems with sight distance. Two specifically mentioned were Clover/Baltimore and Windsor/Grandview. Property owners will be contacted about trimming back the growth.

FIRE TRUCK: Chief Cromer reported that one of the fire trucks was involved in an accident several weeks ago and had to be sent to the manufacture for repairs because the front part of the frame is bent.

AGGRESSIVE DRIVING: Chief Laughlin reported that the department will be participating in an aggressive driving enforcement campaign over the next several weeks.

RESOURCE OFFICER: The committee received the report regarding the resource officer for the 2013-2014 school year. The Committee agreed to continue the program for the 2014-2015 school year but will review prior to approval of the 2015-2016 school year.

DUTCH COUNTRY: The committee received a request from the Dutch Country Restaurant about reconstructing the adjacent Cremer-Ziegler lot and converting it into parking. A new rear entrance to the lot would be provided as well as installing steps for the employees to access the restaurant. The committee recommended that a land development plan would not be needed because there would be no additional impervious area created as a result of the paving.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristina J. Rodgers, Township Secretary