

PENN TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
AUGUST 4, 2014

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee met on Monday, August 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Prieber and Commissioners Klunk, Felix, Goldsmith and Heilman. Also present were Manager Garvick, Police Lieutenant Hettinger, Fire Chief Cromer and Administrative Assistant Rodgers. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Felix announced an executive session was held prior to the Public Safety meeting and an executive session will be held following the Finance Committee meeting. Commissioner Prieber read the announcement of the executive session held following the Board of Commissioners meeting on July 21, 2014.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the July 7, 2014 public safety committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: None.

YORK/CENTER STREETS: Lt. Hettinger reported that the traffic signal at the intersection of York Street and Center Street was not yet operational. PennDOT is reviewing the amended signal permit allowing us to post the intersection for no truck turning on both Center Street and York Street. The signs have been delivered and will be installed by the developer prior to the signal being energized.

YMCA HALF-MARATHON: Gary Laird, Hanover Chamber, Adam Wildasin, and Jim Sponaule were present to discuss the half-marathon being proposed by the YMCA for the fall of 2015. Mr. Laird stated that the event was being held to attract people to the Hanover Area and they are anticipating that the event will grow each year with 100 to 150 participants in 2015 and up to 500 participants in future years. The funds generated will go to a charitable organization. The route will begin and end at the YMCA and would be utilizing the rail trail. They have been in discussions with the police and fire departments about assisting them to help at intersections. They wanted to be aware of the costs associated with the services to include in their budget. The committee discussed the request and indicated it is going to follow the policy established, that is, the Township will not provide police and fire police personnel for traffic control for these events. It would be the responsibility of the event organizer to provide for the safety of the participants.

SOUTH WESTERN BAND BOOSTERS: The committee received a request dated July 17, 2014 from the South Western Band Boosters requesting use of the barricades and fire police for their band competitions being held on September 27, 2014 and October 25, 2014. The committee recommended approving the request.

MOBILE DATE COMPUTER UPGRADE: Lt. Hettinger reported that the modems being used by the officers in the police cars have become outdated and slow to respond. There is a proposal to eliminate one modem and upgrade the other modems at a cost of \$357 the first year with additional costs in subsequent years. Chief Laughlin will provide additional information at a future meeting.

ENGINE 49-1: Chief Cromer reported that the fire truck damaged when it was struck by another vehicle on June 21, 2014 has been sent back to the manufacture for repairs. The anticipated cost is \$70,588, which does not include repairs to the frame, which will be reviewed later. The deductible should be covered by the insurance of the person who hit the truck. It is anticipated that it will take three months to fix.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristina J. Rodgers, Township Secretary