

PENN TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
JANUARY 4, 2010

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee met on Monday, January 4, 2010 at 7:09 PM following the Reorganization Meeting at the Penn Township Municipal Building. Present were Chairman Felix and Commissioners Heilman, Prieber, Rewa and Goldsmith. Also present were Manager Garvick, Police Chief Rhodes, Fire Chief Cromer and Administrative Assistant Rodgers. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Prieber announced the executive session held following the Board of Commissioners meeting on December 21, 2009. Commissioner Felix announced a personnel session was held before and following the Board of Commissioners meeting on December 29, 2009.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the December 7, 2009 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: None

APPOINTMENT TO PERMANT STATUS OF PROBATIONARY PATROLMAN: Chief Rhodes recommended the permanent appointment of Officers Michael Smith and Steve Gebhart as they have satisfactorily completed their probationary periods. The Committee recommended making the appointments at their next meeting on January 18, 2010.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN: Manager Garvick stated the Township is required to have an updated Emergency Response Plan, which has been prepared by Fire Chief Cromer. It needs to be adopted by Resolution which Manager Garvick recommended doing at the next meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Felix noted that the 2010 budget does include a stipend for an emergency management director. The Committee recommended the Township notify the public that they are accepting applications for the position. The hiring process is anticipated to take about three to four months to complete. Applications, along with a job description, will be available at the Township Office.

H1N1 (SWINE FLU) VACCINES: Chief Rhodes reported that another H1N1 vaccine clinic would be held on Saturday, January 9, 2010 at the old Pennville Fire Station on Frederick Street. This clinic is for those children that need the booster shot along with other individuals that would like to receive the vaccine. Appointments are being taken until Wednesday morning by Hanover Hospital at which time they will notify the Township emergency services about how many are being expected. Both Chief Rhodes and Chief Cromer did not anticipate any problems since there were none at the last event.

PROBATIONARY FIREFIGHTER: Chief Cromer reported that the Commissioners' first choice for probationary firefighter has accepted the position contingent upon favorable background checks and physicals. The fire academy starts in March and will conclude in about twelve to sixteen weeks, depending upon the number of participants.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey R. Garvick, Manager