

PENN TOWNSHIP  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
JANUARY 3, 2012

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee met on Monday, January 3, 2012 at 7:33 PM following the Board of Commissioners reorganization meeting. Present were Chairman Prieber and Commissioners Felix, Klunk, Goldsmith and Heilman. Also present were Manager Garvick, Police Chief Rhodes, Fire Chief Cromer, Township Engineer Bortner, WWTP Superintendent Mahone, Highway Foreman Mahan and Administrative Assistant Rodgers. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the December 5, 2011 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: None.

700 BLOCK OF BAER AVENUE: Chief Rhodes reported that he received a complaint regarding street parking along the 700 block of Baer Avenue. The police department completed a traffic study and the study recommends restricting additional parking on the west side of Baer Avenue. This restriction would run from York Street to Fair Avenue. The concern arose from the number of school buses that use this narrow section of Baer Avenue to access York Street. There was concern about notifying the neighbors prior to removing the parking. The Committee will table the request until the February committee meeting so the neighbors can be informed of the situation.

POLICE CRUISER: Chief Rhodes reported that Hanover Borough would not be bidding police cruisers this year but will be purchasing them from the Costars list of vendors. Chief Rhodes is also requesting to purchase one marked police cruiser from the Costars bid list. The Township has utilized Costars member Gene Latta Ford in the past. When Hanover Borough bid their vehicles we would piggyback, avoiding any advertisement costs. This method usually resulted in receiving a very fair trade-in. By using Costars the Township avoids the cost of advertising the bid. The Police Department would be replacing a 2005 Crown Victoria and giving the detectives the vehicle purchased last year. The Committee recommended that the Police Chief review purchasing the police car using all the available options.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina J. Rodgers, Township Secretary