

PENN TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 1, 2010

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee met on Monday, February 1, 2010 at 7:00 PM. 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 read the announcement of the executive session held following the Board of Commissioners meeting on January 18, 2010.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the January 4, 2010 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: None

ALLIED VETERAN'S COUNCIL: The Committee received a request dated January 16, 2010 from Allied Veterans Council for approval to hold the annual Memorial Day parade on May 31, 2010. The Committee recommended approving the request.

OUTDOOR WOOD FURNANCES: Chief Cromer reintroduced an ordinance for the installation, inspection and usage of outdoor wood furnaces. We have three of these units in the Township and he would like to reduce the number of fire calls we are receiving due to improper installation and citizen complaints regarding excessive smoke. These units can be used both in the summer and winter months. The Committee recommended having the solicitor review the proposed ordinance.

MA/COM RADIO PROBLEMS: Chief Rhodes reported that last week the York County Police Chief's Association and other emergency service organizations met with the York County Commissioners to discuss problems with the new radio system. The County has tested a fix in some of the radios and found this has helped alleviate the problems that the agencies were experiencing. The fix will be put in all the portable radios starting with those experiencing the worse problems. The fire agencies will then be upgraded with the hope that this would solve some of their problems but it was noted it would not solve them all.

VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY: Chief Cromer reported that the Volunteer Emergency Services Association would be voting tomorrow night on the purchase of one or two new ambulances. The oldest ambulance is a 2000. They have gone from 1500 calls a year to 4500 calls a year in the last three years. They are proposing to purchase two ambulances with larger bodies for heavier use. They can financially support this as they are doing well with providing emergency medical service. One of the old units may be kept as a reserve unit. The type of unit they are purchasing will be able to be driven up to 200,000 miles. The current ambulances have been driven about 92,000 miles so they are of no use to any other organization. Chief Cromer will provide the Committee with a report on what the company decides.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey R. Garvick, Manager