

PENN TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 6, 2012

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee met on Monday, February 6, 2012 at 7:04 PM following a special meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Present were Chairman Prieber and Commissioners Felix, Klunk, Goldsmith and Heilman. Also present were Manager Garvick, Police Chief Rhodes, Fire Chief Cromer and Administrative Assistant Rodgers. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the January 3, 2012 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: None.

MEMORIAL DAY: The Committee received a request dated January 16, 2012 from the Hanover Allied Veterans Council to hold the annual Memorial Day Parade on May 28, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. The Committee recommended approving the request.

POLICE CRUISER: Chief Rhodes reported that he received a quote of \$27,736.64 from New Holland Ford for a 2013 Ford sedan police interceptor all-wheel drive vehicle. The current vehicle will be traded in for about \$2000. A plastic prisoner's seat will be purchased to install in the vehicle at an extra cost. The Committee recommended purchasing the police cruiser.

ROUTE 116/216 INTERSECTION: The Committee received a request from Dennis Wherley about concerns he had regarding the signalized intersection at Route 116 and Route 216 along with some light pollution and road condition issues. Mr. Wherley feels that the intersection should be reconfigured to allow a permanent green arrow for traffic turning from Route 116 onto Route 216. The signal at Route 116 and Route 216 was purchased by Rutter's and designed by their traffic engineer prior to the construction of the Rutter's store at the intersection. The Township and PennDOT reviewed the permit that was prepared and found it acceptable. A reconfiguration on the intersection would be needed to install the signal as suggested. An additional signal head and possibly an additional lane would have to be installed. This modification would also require a traffic study approved by PennDOT. There was some discussion about the business entrances along Blooming Grove Road as one of the reasons that the intersection was installed as it's currently configured. The Committee did not recommend conducting a traffic study at this time.

BAER AVENUE PARKING: At a prior meeting the Committee considered extending the "no parking" zone along Baer Avenue on the west side of the street from York Street through the 700 block. As no citizens were present to object or comment, the Committee recommended advertising the ordinance to eliminate parking along this section of Baer Avenue.

EMERGENCY SERVICE BOARD: Chief Rhodes reported that the 2012 officers were elected at the last emergency services board meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina J. Rodgers, Township Secretary