

PENN TOWNSHIP  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
MARCH 7, 2011

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee met on Monday, March 7, 2011 at 7:00 PM. Present were Chairman Felix and Commissioners Prieber, Goldsmith and Rewa. Commissioner Heilman was absent with notice. 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 February 7, 2011 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: None.

POLICE CRUISERS: Chief Rhodes reported that patrol unit #14 lost its transmission and is being repaired by Gene Latta Ford. Patrol unit #16 also lost a fuel pump. The police cruiser bid has been awarded and the original bid called for trading in patrol unit #16 and unmarked unit #17 but not patrol unit #14. Chief Rhodes would like to amend this and trade in #14 and keep #17, as it has fewer miles on it. He spoke to Bob Reider who informed him that since the Township replaced the transmission, the trade-in value of #14 would be about \$7500, which would reduce the cost of the police cruisers being purchased. The unmarked car is used by the detectives and is not on the street during every shift like the patrol cars. The new Ford Expedition would be unmarked until the next bidding cycle when new vehicles are purchased. The lighting on the Expedition will be similar to the Dodge Charger. The only thing under warranty on #14 is the transmission. Chief Rhodes will proceed in trading in #14 rather than #17. Chief Rhodes reported that the three vehicles will arrive by the end of March.

BUILDERS SHOW: The police department will have Officer Carbaugh, along with members of his mentoring program, at a booth at the Home Builders Show. Chief Cromer reported that the fireman will also be at the homebuilders show.

PRESCRIPTION TURNBACK: Chief Rhodes reported that Giant Foods would once again cosponsor a drug turn back program on April 30. There will be a police presence this time for the transporting of the prescriptions.

POLICE AWARDS: Chief Rhodes stated he would like to present the police awards at the April meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

COUNTY RADIO SYSTEMS: Chief Cromer reported that he received communications from Eric Bistline about the correction to the radio patching problem that has been occurring with the new radio systems. They will be testing the patch to make sure it works with multiple agencies prior to implementation.

FIRE CHIEF VEHICLE: Manager Garvick reported that Chief Cromer's vehicle has been ordered and will arrive in ten to twelve weeks.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeffrey R. Garvick, Manager