

PENN TOWNSHIP  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
MAY 5, 2008

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee met on Monday, May 5, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Penn Township Municipal Building. Present were Chairman Johnson and Commissioners Prieber, Heilman, and Rewa. Also present were Manager Garvick, Acting Police Chief Rhodes, Fire Chief Cromer, and Administrative Assistant Rodgers. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Johnson read the announcement of the executive session held following the Board of Commissioners meeting on April 21, 2008. Commissioner Johnson announced that an executive session would be held following the Finance meeting to discuss a police personnel issue.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the April 7, 2008 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as presented.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: Jodi Myrdal, 210 Morningstar Court, requested that a no outlet sign be placed along Breezewood Drive due to the number of tractor-trailers and other vehicles that turn down the street looking for an outlet. She stated that on Saturday a neighbor had to help a tractor trailer drive get out of Morningstar Court. Chief Rhodes stated he would look into the situation.

MDA 5K RUN WALK: The Committee received a request dated April 21, 2008 on behalf of the Hillside Medical Center to conduct its 6<sup>th</sup> Annual 5k Run/Walk for MDA on September 20, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. The Committee recommended approving the request.

GLAXOSMITHKLINE: The Committee received a request dated April 24, 2008 from GlaxoSmithKline requesting pedestrian crosswalk signage directly on Barnhart Drive. Chief Rhodes stated what is there now is an approved crosswalk midblock that was installed based upon a traffic safety study conducted by HRG in 2004. It is signed according to the traffic study. He stated that there is adequate visibility and the speed limit is thirty-five miles per hour. The majority of the traffic comes from within the industrial zone. He is opposed to placing any signage in the cartway but will work with Glaxo on other options to improve the situation such as parking restrictions and markings on the roadway. Greg McCauley, Kenco General Manager, stated that some of the problems are related to nighttime conditions and trucks parking along the roadway. He was informed that there are legal restrictions governing the placement of pedestrian crosswalk signage. Commissioner Johnson stated that when he inspected the site he did not notice a problem. Mr. McCauley stated that most of the problems occur during shift changes. Chief Rhodes will work with Mr. McCauley to see if a suitable compromise can be reached.

OUTDOOR WOOD FURNACES: Chief Cromer presented an outdoor wood furnace ordinance for review by the Committee. The Committee recommended that the ordinance not be adopted but would review it in the future.

FIRE ELIGIBILITY LIST: Commissioner Johnson stated that the current firefighter eligibility list will expire in May. It was noted that applicants for the position of firefighter pay an fee

when they apply to the Township which helps cover the cost of the test. Chief Cromer stated that the Township had about twenty-five applicants last time the list was created. He helped administer a test in York County where they started with sixty applicants and ended up with fifty-five when the agility test was completed. After some discussion, it was recommended to inform the Civil Service Commission to renew the list for one year.

NEW FIRE ENGINE: Chief Cromer stated that the new fire truck is on the assembly line and is scheduled for delivery in July. Manager Garvick stated that he would look into some financing options for the truck.

NEW FIRE STATION: Chief Cromer stated that he has sent out an email regarding the presentation of a donation by M & T to the fire company for the new building. The event will be held May 15, 2008 and both current and past board members are invited.

LETTER OF THANKS: Commissioner Johnson noted that a letter of thanks was received from South Western Regional Police Department for officers responding to a call they had on March 31.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeffrey R. Garvick, Manager