

PENN TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
JUNE 4, 2012

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee met on Monday, June 4, 2012 at 7:00 PM. Present were Chairman Prieber and Commissioners Felix, Klunk, and Heilman. Commissioner Goldsmith was absent with notice. Also present were Manager Garvick, Deputy Police Chief Laughlin, and Administrative Assistant Rodgers. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Prieber read the announcement of the executive session held following the Board of Commissioners meeting on May 21, 2012. Commissioner Felix announced an executive session would be held following the Finance meeting this evening to discuss personnel issues.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the May 7, 2012 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: John Dowell, 1293 Grandview Road, requested the committee consider a jake brake ordinance for the area of Grandview Road between Blooming Grove Road and York Street. He also requested a reduction in the speed limit on the Grandview Road. Manager Garvick stated that the Board has received several brake retarder requests but has been reluctant to pursue them because of enforcement problems and potential liability issues. Deputy Police Chief Laughlin stated that the officers would have to witness the use of the brakes to enforce an ordinance. The Committee will take the request under advisement.

PLEASANT HILL CARNIVAL: The Committee received a request dated May 15, 2012 from the West Manheim Township Board of Supervisors for the use of the Penn Township fire police during the Pleasant Hill firemen's carnival July 23rd through July 28th, 2012. The Committee recommended approving the request

JULY 4TH: The Committee received a request dated May 29, 2012 from the Hanover Fire Department for use of the Penn Township fire police and ambulance for the Liberty Day Festivities in Hanover Borough being held on July 4th. The Township has provided coverage in the past for the events. The Committee recommended approving the request.

MDA 5K RUN/WALK: The Committee received a request dated March 21, 2012 from William Shanbarger to hold the 10th annual 5k walk/run for MDA on Saturday, October 6, 2012 at the Hillside Medical Center. Deputy Chief Laughlin stated that we do not close streets or supply manpower to facilitate the event so there is really no need for formal approval.

CROP WALK: The Committee received a request dated May 15, 2012 from the Hanover Area Council of Churches to conduct the annual Crop Walk on October 21, 2012. The route will be the same as it has been for the last several years. The event will start and end at South Western High School. The Committee recommended approving the request.

VNA RUN: Jill Lau, 150 Brookside Avenue, was present to ask permission for the VNA to conduct a memorial walk/run on September 8, 2012. The event would begin at 8:00 a.m. and would be held both in the Borough of Hanover and the Township. The route is from Moul Avenue to Wilson Avenue to Industrial Drive just short of the Gitts Run intersection where they will turn around and return on the same route. The Borough is closing the streets for the event. They are anticipating about 100 participants. The Committee recommended approving the event but would discuss with Fire Chief Cromer the use of Fire Police for the event.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: Deputy Chief Laughlin reported that the Penn Township Area Night Out which is sponsored by the Penn Township Police Department and York County Department of Probation will be held on Tuesday, August 7, 2012. The event will be held at the South Western School District campus from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The school district is taking a more active involvement in the project as the teacher's organizations will be sponsoring some of the events.

PENNDOT ROUTE 94: Manager Garvick reported that in April the Township received a copy of a letter sent to Conewago Township, Adams County from PennDot regarding a "no u-turns" at Route 94 between the Jacobs Mill Road and Wilson Avenue Intersections. PennDOT indicated that both Penn and Conewago have jurisdiction over the intersection and are responsible for the signage. The permit at this intersection is shared by Penn Township and Conewago. Manager Garvick reported that not all of the supervisors in Conewago support a "no-u turn" at this location. The Committee stated the issue is Conewago's and if they want to have it changed they should pursue the change at their cost, including any traffic studies required by the state to implement the modification.

DRUG TASK FORCE M.O.U.: Manager Garvick reported that we have received the MOU executed by both the York County District Attorney's Office and the York County Commissioners with regards to the Township's participation in the York County Drug Task Force. The MOU will be approved at the next Board of Commissioners meeting.

ACCREDITATION: Deputy Chief Laughlin reported that the reaccreditation process was held last week and the Township was accredited for the fourth time since the program was started. It was suggested that once the department receives the plaque it be presented at a Board of Commissioners meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina J. Rodgers, Township Secretary