

PENN TOWNSHIP  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
JULY 6, 2009

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee met on Monday, July 6, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the Penn Township Municipal Building. Present were Chairman Felix and Commissioners Heilman, Goldsmith and Rewa. Commissioner Prieber arrived at 7:28 p.m. Also present were Manager Garvick, Police Chief Rhodes, Fire Chief Cromer and Administrative Assistant Rodgers. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Felix read the announcement of the executive session held following the June 15, 2009 Board of Commissioners meeting.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the June 1, 2009 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: Mary Beth Norton, 5 O'Neill, requested the commissioners adopt a noise ordinance because her neighbor is harassing her by mowing his lawn during the early hours of the morning. The neighbor has been doing this around 5 AM. Ms. Norton stated that she did not understand why the Township could not enact a noise ordinance to help her. Commissioner Felix stated that the Township Solicitor has advised the Township that there has not been a noise ordinance upheld by the judges within the State of Pennsylvania. They have all been declared unconstitutional. Commissioner Felix stated that if the disturbance occurs after ten o'clock at night to six in the morning she should contact the police.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: Chief Rhodes stated that Officer John Carbaugh and YC Probationary Officer Brandy Cromer are proposing a National Night Out activity at the Community Park on August 4, 2009. Residents, along with public safety agencies from neighboring municipalities, would attend from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Following the event residents would be asked to return home and sit on their porches while the police officers patrol the neighborhoods. There would be different activities sponsored by the police department along with other agencies, including the Kid Care Card Program and the Safety Seat inspections. The Committee recommended approving the activity.

SIGNAL LIGHT AT CLOVER LANE: Manager Garvick stated that he has contacted Attorney Dan Fry about moving ahead with the installation of the signal at the intersection of Baltimore Street and Clover Lane. Atty. Fry indicated that a representative from J.A. Myers' office would meet with the affected property owners and he will inform Mr. Garvick of their progress.

POLICE CRUISERS: Chief Rhodes reported that the two new police cruisers have been delivered and they are in the process of being prepared for use on the street.

POLICE OFFICERS: Chief Rhodes reported that two new police officers, Joseph O'Brien and Carrie Ann Steele King, have begun their training at the police academy on July 6, 2009

POLICE MASTER USE OF FORCE: Chief Rhodes stated that the department would be hosting a class on the use of force for other departments. There are five different segments to the class. There will be about twenty individuals participating in the event but not all will take all the segments. The training will take place in the police training room at 20 Wayne Avenue.

MILITARY DUTY: Chief Cromer reported that Firefighter Wysocki has returned to work but is still subject to recall for the next year for additional military service. There will also be two volunteers on active duty as well.

RADIO SYSTEM: Chief Cromer stated that the county has gone to totally digital paging effective 6-30. There seems to be some problems within Hanover Borough and Penn Township with receiving messages. The problem is with the location of the county's directional antenna. It may have to be moved to another location. The radios will go into service July 29th but there is an issue regarding the antennas on the portable radios. The antenna is located on the lapel microphone. Last week there was an incident in which a police officer in York City had the antenna come partially disconnected from the radio which caused the officer to not have communication or an emergency button. The solution that has been suggested by the company is to add an additional antenna to the belt-mounted radio. It would cost about \$900 to correct the problem for sixty-seven radios in the fire department. The police already have the antennas attached to their radios. The Committee recommended expending the funds to upgrade the radios.

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey R. Garvick, Manager