

PENN TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
AUGUST 3, 2009

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee met on Monday, August 3, 2009 at 7:00 PM at the Penn Township Municipal Building. Present were Chairman Felix and Commissioners Heilman, Goldsmith, Prieber and Rewa. Also present were Manager Garvick, Police Chief Rhodes, Fire Chief Cromer and Administrative Assistant Rodgers. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Prieber read the announcement of the executive session held following the July 20, 2009 Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Felix reported that an executive session would be held following the Finance meeting to discuss a personnel issue.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the July 6, 2009 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: None.

CROP WALK: The Committee received a request dated June 26, 2009 from the Hanover Council of Churches for the annual Crop Walk to be held on Sunday, October 18, 2009. The Committee recommended approving the request.

RESIDENTIAL INSPECTION REPORT: Manager Garvick reported that landlords were notified about the tenant inspection registration requirement with about twenty percent of them responding. The Committee recommended that they pursue informing the landlords again about the program and the required registration and inspection of the properties.

CLOVER AND BECK MILL INTERSECTION: Chief Rhodes reported that the stop signs were in place at the intersections of Clover and Beck Mill making this a four-way stop intersection. Signs were posted warning drivers that they are approaching the intersection. Chief Rhodes stated there has not been an accident yet. The police are providing offending motorists warnings regarding violations during the "educational" phase of the enforcement.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: Chief Rhodes reported that Officer Carbaugh is prepared for the National Night Out being held at the Community Park. There have been extra officers assigned for this project. Other law enforcement organizations, along with some for profit and nonprofit groups, will be participating in the event.

CLOVER LANE SIGNAL: Manager Garvick stated that he is still working on scheduling a meeting with PennDOT for the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Clover Lane and Baltimore Street.

SEPTEMBER MEETINGS: The Committee recommended that the four September committee meetings all be held on September 1, 2009.

PARKING LIMITS: Commissioner Heilman was concerned about the length of time that some vehicles are allowed to be parked in the public street. Chief Rhodes stated that there is nothing in the state code that limits parking time unless the vehicle is abandoned or inoperable. Examples would include a flat tire or an expired inspection sticker or registration. Commissioner Heilman noted that there have been instances when tractor trailers are parked in front of homes for an extended period of time.

DARE: Chief Rhodes reported that the state has eliminated the funding of the DARE program for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. South Western School District has offered to pick up that portion of the grant funding received by the township in 2008-2009.

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey R. Garvick, Manager