

PENN TOWNSHIP  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
AUGUST 6, 2012

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee met on Monday, August 6, 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, Fire Chief Cromer, 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 July 16, 2012. Commissioner Felix announced a personnel session was held on July 31 and a personnel session will be held following the Finance Committee meeting this evening.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the July 2, 2012 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: None.

HANOVER AREA JAYCEES: The Committee received a request dated August 1, 2012 from the Hanover Area Jaycees to hold the annual Halloween Parade on Thursday, October 25, 2012 with a rain date of Monday, October 29, 2012. The formation area and parade route will be the same as in previous years. The Committee recommended approving the request.

BANKERT ROAD COMPLAINT: Deputy Chief Laughlin followed up on the complaint last month by Mr. Keenan Hall, 274 Bankert Road. Mr. Hall was concerned about speeding vehicles in the vicinity of his driveway, which is located in somewhat of a blind spot. In response, the PD set up the radar sign to check speeds along Bankert Road. The machine was operated on three different days to measure the traffic passing by Mr. Hall's property. He noted that there was an average of about 750 vehicles per day travelling Bankert Road on the three days that the machine was operating. When the machine was in stealth mode, which means traffic was not warned the device was being operated, the highest speed was thirty-eight miles per hour. When the machine was activated to warn traffic the highest speed recorded was also thirty-eight miles per hour with the average speed being twenty-five miles per hour. Deputy Chief Laughlin noted that a hidden driveway sign should be installed for the benefit of the property owner. There are over four hundred cars traveling the road in any given day in one direction with over seven hundred cars over the two day period when the warning lights were on. The Committee recommended installing a warning sign for the driveway.

HANOVER ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB: The Committee received a request dated July 31, 2012 from the Hanover Athletic Booster Club to hold the third annual Hawk Hustle 5k race and 1 mile run/walk on Saturday, November 10, 2012. The route is to include Penn Township roads in the Industrial Park area. The request does not include any additional police or fire police assistance for traffic control. The event will be conducted between 9:00

a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

CIVIL SERVICE: Manager Garvick noted that the Civil Service Commission is preparing a joint test with Hanover Borough to prepare a firefighters eligibility list. The Township Civil Service Commission prepares the list based upon a thirty percent oral and seventy percent written weighting of test scores. Hanover Borough grades fifty/fifty, which could result in the lists being different. The fifty/fifty weighting is considered industry standard per Fire Chief Cromer. It was suggested that the Township may want to consider changing the weighting for the list to fifty/fifty. It was noted that the police rules might need to be changed when future testing is done for patrolman/sergeants. It was also noted that there are service requirements regarding the promotion of firefighters to fire captain. It was suggested that five years be incorporated into the civil service rules and regulations for the promotion of fire captain. The Committee recommended including the weighting changes for the eligibility list for firefighters and adding requirements for promotion to fire captain.

CLOVER LANE: Manager Garvick reported that a follow up meeting has been held with the traffic engineer, J. A. Myers, and Penn Township to discuss the design of the Clover Lane Baltimore Street signal. Manager Garvick hopes that the signal will be designed by the end of the year.

CARLISLE STREET: Manager Garvick noted that the Gateway Shopping Center developers removed a speed limit sign along northbound Carlisle Street. The sign has since been replaced in conformance with the approved PennDOT plan. Conewago Township has been notified of the correction.

CITIZENS QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEE REGARDING DISCUSSION ITEMS: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina J. Rodgers, Township Secretary