

PENN TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
AUGUST 5, 2013

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee met on Monday, August 5, 2013 at 7:00 PM. Present were Chairman Prieber and Commissioners Klunk, Felix, Heilman and Goldsmith. Also present were Manager Garvick, Police Chief Laughlin, Fire Captain Miller and Administrative Assistant Rodgers. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Prieber read the announcement of the executive session held following the July 15, 2013 Board of Commissioners meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the July 1, 2013 public safety committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: None

FIRE PREVENTION ACCOUNT: Fire Captain Miller stated that he had a memo from Fire Chief Cromer who would like to purchase rubber flooring and a cardiovascular exercise bike from the fire prevention fund. The existing floor was installed when the building was constructed but it can not be cleaned. The rubber flooring would be more maintainable than the existing flooring. The room that the flooring is in is used mostly by the career firefighters. There is approximately \$5,100 in the Fire Prevention account. The committee recommended approving the expenditures.

HALLOWEEN PARADE: The Committee received a request dated July 25, 2013 from the Hanover Area Jaycees to conduct the annual Halloween Parade on October 31, 2013 from 7:30 p.m. to approximately 10:00 p.m. The rain date is November 4, 2013. The route will be the same as in the past. The committee recommended approving the parade.

TRICK OR TREAT: The committee recommended setting Trick or Treat for Tuesday, October 29, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

SOUTH WESTERN 5K: The Committee received a request dated July 26, 2013 from South Western School District to conduct a 5k run on October 5, 2013. They are requesting to close Bowman Road from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The committee recommended approving the request. Chief Laughlin stated that he would monitor the closure and reopen the road when the event has concluded. The committee recommended that the school be reminded that they will need to contact the fire police for their services as the Township does not control the fire police's activities.

2014 ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER: Manager Garvick reported that the owner of Hemler's animal control service will be retiring at the end of the year. The Township has received one contract from an individual who is interested in supplying animal control service to the Township. The reviews the Township has received with regards to this person have not been favorable. Staff will continue to review what options are available and make a recommendation at a future date.

SW BAND BOOSTERS: The committee received a request dated August 1, 2013 from the South Western Band Boosters to conduct band competitions on September 28 and October 26. Manager Garvick reported that South Western School District does have liability insurance coverage to cover an incident if it occurs. The band boosters are requesting the fire police for two events and it was recommended to approve the events, but the band boosters will need to contact the fire police directly to secure their services.

HAITI BIBLE MISSION: The committee received a request dated July 30, 2013 from the Haiti Bible Mission to change their previously approved route for a 5k run to Hershey Heights Road. They were denied permission by the Hanover Borough to conduct the event as previously proposed. Due to the lack of road shoulder and the narrowness of Hershey Heights, the committee recommended unfavorably to the proposed route.

Grandview/Blooming Grove: Commissioner Felix stated that the signalized intersection at Grandview and Blooming Grove has become a problem because additional lanes are needed. Manager Garvick reported that the Township had previously approached Representative Tallman who contacted PennDOT but they stated that improvements to the signal were not on their twelve-year transportation improvement plan. It was suggested that Chief Laughlin provide a list of accidents at the location to Manager Garvick to be included in a letter to PennDOT's District Engineer.

COMMUNICATION: Commissioner Felix asked what the contingencies were to communicate among the departments if the Verizon cell towers go down like they did several weeks ago. It was noted that the Township Engineer and Highway Foreman use a portable radio that can communicate with police and fire. The public works vehicles, the wastewater plant and the municipal office all still utilize the lower band township frequency and cannot contact YC911, the police, or fire, except for a few of the older police units that still have the Kenwood radio's capable of monitoring the township frequency. It was suggested that staff investigate this and come with recommendations.

TRAINING: Chief Laughlin reported that two trainings will be held this month between the Township's police department and adjoining police forces for active shooter training.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS FOR THE COMMITTEE: None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina J. Rodgers, Township Secretary