

PENN TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 7, 2010

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee met on Monday, September 7, 2010 at 7:00 PM. Present were Chairman Felix and Commissioners Prieber, Heilman, and Rewa. Commissioner Goldsmith was absent with notice. Also present were Manager Garvick, Police Chief Rhodes, Fire Chief Cromer, Administrative Assistant Rodgers, Township Engineer Bortner, WWTP Superintendent Mahone and Highway Foreman Mahan. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Prieber read the announcement of the executive session held following the Board of Commissioners meeting on August 16, 2010.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the August 2, 2010 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: None.

COMMONWEALTH LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE NETWORK: Chief Rhodes reported that the agreement needs to be updated with the State Police to utilize the CLEAN/JNET program for the police department. The Committee recommended approving the request.

HALLOWEEN: The Committee recommended setting trick or treat for Tuesday, October 26, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Committee recommended approving a request dated August 15, 2010 from the Hanover Jaycees to conduct the annual Halloween parade on Thursday, October 28, 2010 from 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The rain date is Monday, November 1, 2010.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISPOSAL PROGRAM: Chief Rhodes reported that the Baltimore Street Giant Food Store is sponsoring a prescription drug and over the counter drug disposal program on September 25, 2010 from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The state police will be providing an officer to accept drugs that are dropped off. The Township will be providing an officer for security purposes.

HANOVER ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB: The Committee received a request dated August 5, 2010 for the Hanover Athletic Booster Club to conduct a 5K Race/ 1 mile fun run on Saturday, November 13, 2010. A small portion of the route will be through Penn Township. Chief Rhodes stated that no special permission was required. As long as they were not requesting police coverage or road closures they can utilize the road as any other pedestrians.

P.T.V.E.S. SOLICITATION: Chief Cromer reported that the Penn Township Volunteer Emergency Services would be mailing out solicitation letters to all township homeowners. The volunteer fire companies used to do this annually but stopped when they consolidated in order to concentrate on their capital campaign for the new fire station.

GATEWAY HANOVER: Chief Cromer reported that when the plans were reviewed for the Gateway Shopping Center there were a few agreements made between Hanover Borough, Penn Township and the Gateway developer, including the preemption devices on the traffic signals. In Hanover Borough all business with a sprinkler system would hook into the Gamewell system at the Hanover Borough fire station. This alarm rings within the

station and allows the department to respond when a call comes in. However, for Penn it has been taking longer because of the time delay for the signal to be relayed to York County 911, which then sends the alarm back to the Penn Township fire station. Chief Cromer reported that he has looked into connecting the Borough alarm system into our Clover Lane station but it will be costly. It was suggested that the businesses in the Gateway Shopping Center be approached about helping to offset the costs. Those utilizing the Hanover Borough system pay a nominal fee each year to be connected. The Committee recommended that Chief Cromer pursue this project, which may also help reduce the cost of the fire insurance premiums for all the affected business owners.

INTER-COUNTY RADIO COMMUNICATIONS: Chief Cromer reported that he received notification from York County 911 stating that York County and Adams County would be able to completely communicate with each other effective today with mobile radios. Chief Cromer provided the Committee with pictures of the antenna adjacent to the communication tower and explained why there will be problems with York and Adams County communications on mutual aid calls because of the location of this antenna. Chief Cromer would like to attend the next county commissioners meeting to address the issue.

FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAM: Chief Cromer reported that the annual fire prevention program will be held at 10 AM at the Grandview Plaza Shopping Center on October 2, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey R. Garvick, Manager