

PENN TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 3, 2013

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee met on Tuesday, September 3, 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 Chief Cromer, Administrative Assistant Rodgers and Township Engineer Bortner. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Felix announced an executive session was held following the finance committee meeting on August 28, 2013. He also announced that an executive session will be held following the health & sanitation committee meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the August 5, 2013 public safety committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: None

COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH SYSTEM: Fire Chief Cromer announced that York County 911 has purchased a new CAD system for dispatching police and fire personnel. Chief Cromer provided a resource list on how the vehicles would be dispatched based upon the level of the call. First alarm calls and second alarm calls would follow recommended dispatch from the Fire Chief. Any third alarm calls or higher would have York County 911 dispatching by proximity to the call to surrounding fire stations even if it means all the equipment will be depleted from one station. The anticipated implementation date is the end of October.

Prior alarm boxes had to be approved by a municipal official but now York County 911 will be dictating dispatch and will be seeking municipal approval later. York County 911 will not be utilizing the service for EMS. Chief Cromer is concerned the system will not work because it is designed for a countywide fire response system. Chief Cromer stated that he would be sending a letter to York County 911 and the York County Commissioners with regards to his concerns over the deficiencies with the system. He stated that several other fire chief's would be sending letters as well. Police Chief Laughlin stated that the police system was recently updated. Chief Cromer stated that we are still having problems with the radio system installed by York County 911 several years ago. Chief Laughlin stated that the police department is having the same problems with their radios. The police department does not have a car charger for the radios but the fire truck has a gang charger that is used by both the police and fire departments when they are on call. The batteries in the radios are only staying charged for fifteen minutes, which is unacceptable to Chief Cromer.

HANOVER SCHOOL DISTRICT HOMECOMING PARADE: The committee received a request dated August 22, 2013 from the Hanover School District requesting permission to conduct the Hanover homecoming parade on October 4, 2013 on McAllister Street. They want to close the street for about fifteen minutes from 6:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. They have

done this for the last several years. The committee recommended approving the request.

HAWK HUSTLE 5K: The committee received a request dated August 20, 2013 from the Hanover Athletic Booster Club to conduct the third annual hawk hustle 5k on Saturday, November 16, 2013. They will follow a slightly different route than as in previous years. The police department will not be providing any personnel for traffic or pedestrian control. The committee recommended approving the request.

Rx TAKE BACK EVENT: Chief Laughlin reported that Giant Foods would be holding a prescription medicine take back event on October 26, 2013. The Township will assist the state police with this event as in prior years. Chief Laughlin reported that we have seen great success with our take back program and it has resulted in a total of 280 pounds of material delivered for disposal.

ROUTE 216 WIDENING: Manager Garvick reported that he had corresponded with PennDOT regarding the widening of 216 at 116 and their response is that it is not on their current list for improvement.

RENTAL INSPECTION: Commissioner Felix stated that the Public Safety Chairman and Vice Chairman should meet with Fire Chief Cromer and Manager Garvick with regards to fire inspections and the policy regarding the timing of the inspections and the payment of the fees.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS FOR THE COMMITTEE: None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina J. Rodgers, Township Secretary