

PENN TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 1, 2012

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee met on Monday, October 1, 2012 at 7:00 PM. Present were Vice Chairman Felix and Commissioners Klunk, Goldsmith and Heilman. Commissioner Prieber was absent with notice. Also present were Manager Garvick, Police Chief Laughlin, Fire Chief Cromer, and Administrative Assistant Rodgers. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Felix read the announcement of the executive session held following the Board of Commissioners meeting on September 17, 2012. Commissioner Felix announced that an executive session was held prior to the public safety meeting to discuss land acquisitions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the September 4, 2012 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: None.

HANOVER HOMECOMING PARADE: The Committee received a request dated September 19, 2012 from the Hanover Public School District to hold the homecoming parade on Friday, October 12, 2012. They would be marching down McAllister Street into the Hanover Football Stadium from 6:15 p.m. to about 6:30 p.m. The Committee recommended approving the request.

CAVALCADE OF BANDS: The Committee received a request dated September 5, 2012 from the South Western Band Boosters for the use of fire police and barricades for the Cavalcade of Bands on Saturday, October 27, 2012. The Committee recommended approving the request.

MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR RADIOS: Chief Cromer reported that the warranty for the countywide radio system has expired. He reported that two companies have provided quotes for the continued maintenance of the radios. The maintenance contract cost for the fire company would be \$9,612 a year. Chief Cromer stated they have returned two radios for repair since the inception of the program. He stated that he had \$4,000 in the proposed 2013 budget for radio repair. Most of the problems that have occurred with the eighty fire department radios would not be covered by the maintenance agreement. Chief Laughlin stated that the police department maintenance contract would cost \$2,934. He stated that Moyer has been servicing the police department radios. The agreements are based on state contract pricing. Chief Laughlin stated he would like to extend the warranty coverage for the police department radios. Chief Cromer felt that the extended warranty for the fire department radios would not be beneficial to them because they have different issues with regards to repairs and their radios are not used as hard as those in the PD. The Committee recommended taking the extended warranty for both departments for a year and rebuilding the reserves for future purchases of radios.

MEDICAL CARDS FOR APPAPPARATUS OPERATORS: Chief Cromer reported that his firefighters are required to have Commercial Driver's Licenses (CDL's) as a condition of their employment. He stated that some of the federal regulations for CDL drivers have been waived by the State of Pennsylvania for firefighters. The medical card requirement has not been waived and has just been brought to the attention of the Chief by the state police. All firefighters will be required to obtain medical cards in order to operate the fire trucks and this will require them to undertake a physical examination every two years. Chief Cromer stated that the firefighters' health insurance covers the physicals except for the co-pay for the doctor's visit. He felt this could be a problem with the firefighters. The Committee recommended that the Township pick up the co-pays for the physicals for the firefighters and the fire chief.

ANIMAL CONTROL AGREEMENT: Manager Garvick reported that the Township has received the 2013 Animal Control Contract with Hemler Animal Control Service, LLC. The fees are the same as they are in 2012 except for the price of gas, which has an escalator clause built into the agreement. The Committee recommended approving the agreement.

FIRE FIGHTER TEST: Chief Cromer reported that the agility test was held on September 29th for the firefighters. There were 29 applicants who passed the test and will continue on with the written test to be held on October 27th.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS FOR THE COMMITTEE: None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina J. Rodgers, Township Secretary