

PENN TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 7, 2013

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee met on Monday, October 7, 2013 at 7:00 PM. Present were Chairman Prieber and Commissioners Klunk, Felix, and Heilman. Commissioner Goldsmith was absent with notice. Also present were Manager Garvick, Police Chief Laughlin, Fire Chief Cromer, Administrative Assistant Rodgers and Township Engineer Bortner. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the September 3, 2013 public safety committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: None

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE: Michelle Brummer, Gannett Fleming, presented an update on the Joint Comprehensive Plan. She explained the process Hanover Borough and Penn Township have implemented to address the issues and opportunities for updating the plan. She reviewed the economic issues, downtown, traffic and circulation, the transportation plan, the growth management plan, utilities, the community facilities, and parks and recreation. There will be a public input session early next year. She stated that she will be back after the first of year with a draft plan.

OFFICER OF THE YEAR: Chief Laughlin stated that the police department awards were previously presented but he would like to have the Officer of the Year award presented by the Board of Commissioners. The Committee recommended presenting the award at the November meeting.

SERGEANT INTERVIEWS: Chief Laughlin stated that the oral interview for the sergeant's position will be held October 8, 2013. There is only one applicant that is eligible to proceed with the interview portion of the test. The Civil Service Commission will need to certify the test before the list is posted. The committee recommended appointing the new sergeant at the next Board of Commissioners meeting following the certification of the list.

MICU SERVICE: Chief Cromer stated that the Penn Township Volunteer Emergency Services will be modifying emergency medical coverage for Penn Township and Hanover Borough effective January 1, 2014. Currently, the hospital provides a paramedic which responds on ambulance calls. In return, the Township pays the hospital 50% of the call. Since the service is no longer being shared, all the revenue will stay with the Penn Township Volunteer Emergency Services. This is being done since other parts of the county are losing the paramedic coverage provided by the hospital and are scrambling to find alternatives.

FIRE/EMERGENCY SERVICE COOPERATIVE PARTNERSHIP: Township Manager reported that each commissioner was provided with a fact finding report from DCED with regards to partnering fire services with Hanover Borough. The committee recommended reconvening the steering committee with Hanover Borough to discuss the recommendations. Commissioners Felix and Prieber will continue to represent the Board.

FBI DIRECTIVE: Chief Laughlin reported that any person who accesses the police department without being accompanied by a police officer will need to be fingerprinted. This is required by the FBI for any department that uses CLEAN or JNET. This will include all employees, vendors, and visitors and general public.

2014 BUDGET: Chief Laughlin and Chief Cromer went through the purchases they are requesting in the 2014 budget. It was noted that our insurance broker has notified us that our workmen's compensation insurance is being dropped due to Act 46, the Firemen's Cancer Presumption Act. The broker is exploring other options for the Township. It was also noted that the medical insurance costs along with other insurance costs have not been received but show slight increases in the 2014 budget.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS FOR THE COMMITTEE: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina J. Rodgers, Township Secretary