

PENN TOWNSHIP  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
NOVEMBER 3, 2008

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee met on Monday, November 3, 2008 at 7:00 PM, at the Penn Township Municipal Building. Present were Chairman Johnson and Commissioners Prieber, Goldsmith, and Rewa. Commissioner Heilman was absent with notice. Also present were Manager Garvick, Acting Police Chief Rhodes, Fire Chief Cromer, Administrative Assistant Rodgers, Township Engineer Bortner, Highway Foreman Mahan, WWTP Superintendent Mahone, and Environmental Director Hejmanowski. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Johnson read the announcement of the executive session held following the meeting of the Penn Township Board of Commissioners on October 20, 2008. Commissioner Johnson announced an executive session would be held following the Health & Sanitation meeting to discuss a police personnel issue.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the October 6, 2008 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: John Andrews, 220 Hall Drive, requested the use of the Community Room for a U.S. Naval Sea Cadet program one weekend a month without cost. The cadets would be between 13 and 17 years of age. They would wear Navy enlisted uniforms with unique insignias. The requirements for the program include U.S. Citizenship, drug-free, married, and full time students with at least a C average. Mr. Andrews also provided literature on the program. Mr. Andrews would like to start a unit in Hanover similar to one already in Harrisburg. There would be a requirement of one training exercise a month with additional training in the summer. Mr. Andrews then introduced a Chief Petty Officer and an advisor, both of whom will be active with the program. The Committee had a positive reaction to the request but some details need to be worked out including an Agreement. Some issues to be taken into consideration are the residency of the cadets (how many are from Penn Township?); effect on other organizations renting the community room; waiver of room rental fees; potential liability to the township from allowing the cadets to march, drill and exercise on the driveway and parking areas. Manager Garvick will check with the insurance carrier about any potential problems.

POLICE ELIGIBILITY: Chief Rhodes stated that oral interviews for the patrolmen's eligibility list are completed and he is conducting background checks on the top six candidates. He hopes that the final list can be presented to the commissioners within the next several weeks.

NEW FIRE ENGINE: Chief Cromer stated that he hoped to have the new fire engine in service this week but there is a major glitch and the manufacturer has been notified. If the problem is fixed the unit will go in service next week.

CLEARVIEW ENGINE/AMBULANCE: Chief Cromer reported that he has just about

completed the transition of having an ambulance and fire engine stationed at the Clearview Station in the Hanover Borough. The ambulance will be on duty, effective December 1<sup>st</sup>, from 8:00 AM to 11:00 PM until such time that responses require additional hours. The engine will be placed in duty on or around January 1<sup>st</sup>. The Chief has met with the Hanover Borough Fire Commissioner and the Township's Captains and has worked out most of the details regarding personnel. Our career firefighter will be stationed at Clearview for a month before rotating back to the Township. There will be no cost to the Township. The problem right now is restructuring the response boxes. Commissioner Johnson suggested that Public Safety officials from both municipalities meet and formalize the arrangement.

ANIMAL CONTROL ISSUES: The Committee again reviewed the proposed agreements with the York County SPCA and Terry Hemler, Animal Control Officer. Manager Garvick has been attempting to obtain access to another shelter but nothing is currently available. The Committee recommended approving the agreements for 2009 but suggested seeing if the SPCA would accept payments quarterly.

STRUCTURE TRAINING: Chief Rhodes stated that about half of the Police Department has trained in the 923 York Street property and the other half will be training shortly. Along with the Fire Department they would like to do additional training but it would need to be near the demolition of property because they may damage the integrity of the building. There are several steps that need to be completed prior to the demolition of the building. The fire department and police department will be notified about when demolition is scheduled.

SOUTH WESTERN REGIONAL: Commissioner Johnson read a thank you letter to the Police Department from Chief Bean of South Western Regional Police Department for their assistance during the funeral of Officer Tome of Northern Regional.

EXCHANGE CLUB AWARDS: Commissioner Johnson congratulated Fire Fighter Of The Year Erik Brown and Police Officer Of The Year John Carbaugh for the awards they received from the Hanover Exchange Club. The awards reflect the exemplary work they did in their respective departments this year.

NEW FIRE STATION: Commissioner Johnson thanked Chief Cromer for all the work he did and the assistance he provided on the new Clover Lane fire station.

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey R. Garvick, Manager