

PENN TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 7, 2011

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee met on Monday, November 7, 2011 at 7:00 PM. Present were Chairman Felix and Commissioners Rewa, Prieber, and Heilman. Commissioner Goldsmith was absent with notice. Also present were Manager Garvick, Police Chief Rhodes, Fire Chief Cromer and Administrative Assistant Rodgers. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Felix announced a personnel session would be held following the finance meeting this evening for the purpose of discussing police contract negotiations.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the October 3, 2011 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: None.

EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD: Commissioner Felix noted that a request was received from the Emergency Services Board for a \$1400 donation in 2012, which is included in the 2012 proposed budget.

POLICE CRUISER BIDS: Chief Rhodes requested permission to bid police cruisers with Hanover Borough as in years past. The Committee approved that one vehicle be bid at this time with the other being purchased later in the year when it is needed. It was noted that one requested unmarked vehicle might be removed from the 2012 budget.

PARKING ON STREETS: The Committee received a request from Henry Senatore, 9 Mimosa Drive, to create an ordinance prohibiting parking trailers, motor homes, house trailers, and boats on Township streets. The Township currently has regulations in place for some of these items and the committee does not feel that additional regulations should be implemented at this time. The Manager will respond to Mr. Senatore.

METRO VISUAL ALERT VERSION II: Chief Rhodes reported that a dedicated high-speed Internet connection needs to be obtained for the police department to accommodate the new Alert II program. Manager Garvick noted that our building has one broadband Internet line, which is used by both the police and administration departments. If a dedicated line is installed for the police it should increase broadband speed for both sides. The highest speed line would cost about \$105 a month. The Committee recommended having the high speed internet line installed for the police but to check with Comcast about what restrictions they place on the speed.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN: The Township's Emergency Management Coordinator, Jeremy Sparks, presented the updated Emergency Operation Plan. He stated that he updated the plan by adding new streets, equipment and resources, a section on pandemic flu, and the FEMA NIMS procedures. The plan provides procedures and

protocols for most man-made and natural disasters. If there are disasters where the Township does not have the required resources the plan provides information on how to proceed and where to get the resources. The plan needs to be updated every two years but if it is changed substantially it needs to be readopted by the municipality. Manager Garvick stated that the plan is ready for adoption and a resolution will be prepared for consideration at the next Board of Commissioners meeting. Following the adoption of the resolution EMA Coordinator Sparks will provide electronic copies to those that desire it.

BOUNDARY AVENUE: Harold Shuler spoke with Manager Garvick again about installing additional traffic control devices on Boundary Avenue to address what Mr. Shuler sees as situations involving excessive speed. Manager Garvick informed Mr. Shuler that he would need to attend a meeting to express his concerns to the Public Safety Committee but at this time the Township does not have a traffic study to warrant additional traffic control devices on Boundary Avenue. Chief Rhodes reported that he has conducted speed enforcements in this area. In some instances the traffic enforcement has resulted in apprehending violators, but other times there were no violators found, which compares to most municipal streets.

FIRE INSPECTIONS: Manager Garvick reported that he is working on a fee schedule for both residential and commercial fire inspections to present at the next Public Safety meeting.

CDL DRIVERS: Chief Cromer reported that all the career fire fighters and the fire chief are now in possession of a commercial driver license.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina J. Rodgers, Township Secretary