

PENN TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 3, 2012

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee met on Monday, December 3, 2012 at 7:00 PM. Present were Chairman Prieber and Commissioners Klunk, Felix and Heilman. Commissioner Goldsmith was absent. Also present were Manager Garvick, Police Chief Laughlin, Fire Chief Cromer, and Administrative Assistant Rodgers. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Prieber announced an executive personnel session would be held following the Finance committee meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the November 5, 2012 Public Safety committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: None.

POLICE INTERN: Chief Laughlin reported that Zach Koontz, a Bloomsburg University student, would like to do his internship at the Penn Township police department. He had previously applied for an internship with the Ocean City, MD police department but due to budget cuts he was not accepted. Chief Laughlin stated that the intern would be required to work forty hours a week for three to four weeks to get the required hours needed. He would also be required to work some of the upcoming holidays. Chief Laughlin stated that he is not anticipating having future interns over the winter break. Mr. Koontz will start on December 17, 2012. The Committee recommended approving the intern.

METROPOLITAN YORK POLICE TESTING CONSORTIUM: Chief Laughlin proposed that the committee consider joining the Metropolitan York Police Testing Consortium for the testing of police officers. The consortium will begin advertising for applications on Sunday, December 9 for their January test. The Township will be the thirteenth York County police department to join the consortium. The testing by the consortium will not bypass our Civil Service requirements because once the tests are completed the Civil Service Commission will be involved with establishing and certifying the list of eligible applicants based on the Township's regulations. The only change would be that the testing would be performed off site. Chief Laughlin reviewed the costs associated with the last Civil Service test for patrolman in 2008. He included everything but the advertisement for test in the Evening Sun. He also reviewed the costs associated with the last firefighter test that was completed in November. There is a \$1000 initiation fee to join the consortium and \$500 yearly renewal fee. Chief Laughlin indicated that initiation fee could be paid for by a private donation and not from the Township's General Fund. The consortium advertises using television and billboards. Hanover Borough and South Western Regional police departments are members of the consortium. The consortium maintains the eligibility list for two years and then retests. During the last test they had over five hundred applicants. Chief Laughlin was requesting approval now so that the Township's police patch could be included on all the advertising. The Committee recommended approving joining the Metropolitan York Police Testing Consortium.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS FOR THE COMMITTEE: None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina J. Rodgers, Township Secretary