

PENN TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 2, 2013

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee met on Monday, December 2, 2013 at 7:00 PM. Present were Chairman Prieber and Commissioners Klunk, Felix, Goldsmith and Heilman. Also present were Manager Garvick, Police Lieutenant Hettinger and Administrative Assistant Rodgers. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Prieber read the announcement of the executive session held following the November 18, 2013 Board of Commissioners meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the November 4, 2013 public safety committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: None

CIVIL SERVICE REGULATIONS: Lieutenant Hettinger reported on the proposed changes that have been made to the Civil Service Regulations, to include the procedures for hiring police officers through a consortium. The regulations also retain the procedures for hiring officers exclusive from the consortium. The regulations have been amended to specify that a patrolmen needs to have five years of Act 120 certification with the Township prior to being eligible for promotion to Sergeant. The current regulations require the officer to have three years with the Township.

GITTS RUN ROAD: Lieutenant Hettinger reported that a traffic study was conducted for Gitts Run Road, as the speed limit for the Township's portion of the road is posted twenty-five miles per hour while the Heidelberg Township portion is posted thirty-five miles per hour. Lt. Hettinger stated the study reflected that Penn Township's portion of Gitts Run Road between Industrial Drive and Moulstown Road should be increased to thirty-five miles per hour. The Committee recommended making the change and an ordinance would be prepared for adoption.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER: Township Manager Garvick reported that Hemler Animal Control Service would no longer be providing animal control services after December 31, 2013. The Township has interviewed three applicants and feels that Michelle Klugh should be hired as the animal control officer for 2014. She will be purchasing Hemler's Animal Control Service and will work with Mrs. Hemler during the transition. She has been working with the Hemler's Animal Control Service and is familiar with the Township and its call history. The contract provided by Ms. Klugh is the same as was approved in 2013 with Hemler's Animal Control Service. The Committee recommended appointing Michelle Klugh as the animal control officer.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS FOR THE COMMITTEE: None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina J. Rodgers, Township Secretary