

PENN TOWNSHIP  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
OCTOBER 6, 2008

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee met on Monday, October 6, 2008 at 7:00 PM, at the Penn Township Municipal Building. Present were Chairman Johnson and Commissioners Prieber, Goldsmith, Heilman, and Rewa. Also present were Manager Garvick, Acting Police Chief Rhodes, Fire Chief Cromer, and Administrative Assistant Rodgers. 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 September 15, 2008.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the September 2, 2008 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as corrected.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: None.

SPCA AGREEMENT: The Township received the proposed SPCA agreement for 2009. The SPCA is charging fifty cents per resident based upon the 2000 census figures. The Township's previous shelter, the Susquehanna Stray Animal Shelter, stopped doing business at the end of 2007, at which time the Township contracted with the York County SPCA. The fee they are asking for in 2009 is \$7,296, which is a three-fold increase over the 2008 rate. Manager Garvick reported that he has contacted other agencies about taking the Township's stray animals but has been unable to find anyone to accept them. The Adams County SPCA is too small to accept our animals. The Committee suggested that the Township contact the Carroll County SPCA.

HEMLER/ACS CONTRACT: Chief Rhodes reported that Animal Control Officer Terry Hemler has submitted his proposed contract for 2009. The contract includes increases to the service charge and the mileage rate. Most of these increases are due to inflation and fuel cost increases. Chief Rhodes stated that the department is very pleased with Mr. Hemler's service. The Township does receive the Return to Owner fees, which helps offset some of the costs incurred by the Township. Mr. Hemler has also pursued several citations and investigations, which have resulted in convictions for dog law violations. The Township does receive the fines for the violations. Chief Rhodes stated that he recommends continuing with Mr. Hemler.

CIVIL SERVICE: Chief Rhodes reported that the Civil Service Commission has completed the Patrolman physical agility testing for the civil service exam and will conduct the oral interviews with the twenty remaining candidates by the end of October. There are three candidates that are ACT 120 certified. There are about six applicants who will receive higher marks for military preference.

FIRE DEPARTMENT FACILITY: Chief Cromer reported that the fire department has moved into the new fire station along Clover Lane. There are still a few problems that need to be repaired. They have scheduled an Open House for October 26, 2008 at 3:00 PM. It was noted that the polling station at the Parkville Fire Station along Baltimore Street would be moved to the new fire station on Clover Lane for the November 4, 2008 election. Chief Cromer reported that York County has posted at least twenty signs throughout the voting district informing voters that the polling place has changed.

RECREATION AREAS: It was noted that police patrols have been increased during the early evening hours at the Township's recreation areas due to several incidents of vandalism.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey R. Garvick, Manager