

PENN TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
JUNE 1, 2015

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee met on Monday, June 1, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Klunk, Felix, Goldsmith and Heilman. Chairman Prieber arrived at 7:10 p.m. Also present were Police Chief Laughlin, Fire Chief Cromer, Township Manager Rodgers and Administrative Assistant Miller. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Felix read the announcement of the executive session held following the Board of Commissioners meeting on May 18, 2015. Commissioner Felix announced an executive session will be held following the Finance Committee meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the May 4, 2015 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: Dawn Bosley, 143 Bowman Road, was present to speak with the Committee regarding the trapping and housing of feral cats within her neighborhood. Ms. Bosley inquired about creating an ordinance limiting the number cats allowed per home within the Township. Manager Rodgers explained the Township is unable to create an ordinance because cats are not a regulated domestic pet under Pennsylvania law. Changes would first need to be made by the state government and recommended Ms. Bosley contact our local representatives. Chief Laughlin also suggested contacting the SPCA regarding humane living conditions due to housing several feral cats. He also confirmed residents are allowed to trap and remove stray and feral cats from their properties.

HANOVER SCHOOL DISTRICT MOU: Chief Laughlin received the annual Hanover School District MOU for police coverage during the high school home football games for the 2015-2016 school year. He is anticipating receiving South Western School District's MOU within the next few weeks. Currently both schools only pay the Township overtime costs. Chief Laughlin recommended creating a set price for police coverage. Manager Rodgers calculated an hourly rate which includes the Township's average total cost. The Committee discussed the current reimbursement fee and recommended an hourly rate of \$71.00 per officer for the 2015-2016 school year.

SPECIAL FUNDS ACCOUNT: Chief Laughlin requested permission to purchase and install a digital flat screen TV in the patrol room to be used for department updates and training purposes. The purchase request included fees from our computer vendor to connect the TV to the department computer system. The Committee recommended approving Chief Laughlin's request.

COMMUNITY PARK VENDORS: Chief Laughlin reported on food vendors parking and selling their products at the Community Park. A request was made to have our Solicitor review the current rules and regulations pertaining to any Township liability. The

Committee reaffirmed the Parks and Recreation Rules and Regulations do not allow any type of soliciting at the Township parks. The police department will continue to monitor and instruct the vendors to leave the park.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION: Civil Service Chairman Jeff Spielman and Vice-Chairman Jack Ernst were present to discuss proposed changes to the Civil Service Regulations for the Police Department and Fire Department. After review and discussion the Committee recommended approving the changes.

ACCREDITATION: Chief Laughlin reported the police department re-accreditation process was proceeding well and commended Lieutenant Hettinger and Officer Breighner for all their hard work in preparation of the review.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
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