

PENN TOWNSHIP  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
JULY 6, 2015

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee met on Monday, July 6, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Prieber and Commissioners Klunk, Felix, Goldsmith and Heilman. Also present were Police Lieutenant Hettinger, Fire Chief Cromer, Township Manager Rodgers and Administrative Assistant Miller. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the June 1, 2015 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: None.

GOLD'S GYM 5K & 10K RUN: Chief Laughlin received a request dated June 2, 2015 from Gold's Gym Hanover to hold a Breast Cancer Awareness 5K and 10K Run on Saturday, September 26, 2015. The Committee will not approve run requests but will have Chief Laughlin send a letter explaining what the organizers of the event need to do to provide for the safety of their participants.

CROP WALK: The Committee received a request dated June 16, 2015 from the Hanover Area Council of Churches requesting permission to conduct the annual Crop Walk on October 18, 2015. The committee recommended approving the request and will have Chief Laughlin send a letter explaining what the organizers of the event need to do to provide for the safety of their participants.

TRAFFIC STUDY: Upon receipt of a letter from residents on York Street reporting traffic and safety concerns with the alleyway between York Street and Center Street, Lieutenant Hettinger completed two traffic studies; one on S. Center Street and one on Brookside Avenue. The study concluded sections of S. Center Street and Brookside Avenue should be designated as "through highway" and stop signs should be installed in the alleyways to prevent traffic entering from all approaches and creating a safer flow of traffic. The Committee recommended approving the adoption of the traffic studies by ordinance.

COMMUNITY PARK SIGNAGE: Lieutenant Hettinger discussed the signage prohibiting unauthorized sales at the Township Parks. Currently the Committee does not authorize anyone to sell or solicit on park property. It was discussed whether or not to change the wording on the current rules and regulations posted at the parks. The Committee recommended leaving the current posting in place.

BACKGROUND CHECKS: Chief Cromer updated the Committee on the passing of House Bill 1276 wherein anyone who works in the proximity of children must obtain a criminal background check and child abuse clearance before the end of the year. This

includes all firefighters, EMS personnel and volunteers with an approximate cost of \$50.00 per person. The Township would only be responsible for paying for the 15 firefighters. The Committee recommended obtaining the clearances.

SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTE: Manager Rodgers reviewed the changes to the Snow Emergency Route removing previously designated streets and adding no parking to the updated route allowing for more efficient travel during winter weather advisories. The Committee recommended adopting an ordinance changing the route.

FIRE CHIEF OFFICE: Manager Rodgers received a request from Chief Cromer to move into a permanent office location in the new Hanover Borough facility at the Tanger Hardware building. This would centrally locate Chief Cromer alleviating the back and forth travel between two offices operating more efficiently. The facility will also have an office for the Deputy Fire Chief. The Committee asked to clarify the costs associated with the office move. The move is anticipated to be complete within the next 4-6 weeks.

NIGHT OUT: Manager Rodgers reported Officer Carbaugh has scheduled the annual Hanover Night Out for Tuesday, August 4, 2015 at the Southwestern High School. A request was made for donations and the possibility of having municipal equipment available for display. The Committee recommended holding the Public Works and Health & Sanitation committee meetings on Monday, August 3, 2015 in order for the Township to participate in the Night Out event.

OTHER MATTERS: Commissioner Felix asked Lieutenant Hettinger to have the alleyway between Baltimore Street and McAllister Street towards O'Neil checked. There are overgrown bushes obstructing the view of drivers.

Commissioner Felix also asked Lieutenant Hettinger for clarification on the July 4, 2015 police overtime and compensatory time.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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