

PENN TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 3, 2014

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee convened on Monday, November 3, 2014 at 6:55 p.m. following a finance committee meeting to discuss the 2015 Budget. Present were Chairman Prieber and Commissioners Klunk, Felix, Goldsmith and Heilman. Also present were Manager Garvick, Police Chief Laughlin, Fire Chief Cromer, Assistant Manager Rodgers and Administrative Assistant Miller. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Prieber read the announcement of the executive session held following the Board of Commissioners meeting on October 20, 2014. Commissioner Felix announced an executive session will be held following the Finance Committee meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the October 6, 2014 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: None.

BREEZWOOD DRIVE STUDY: Chief Laughlin discussed the current no parking traffic study being conducted on Brezewood Drive from the church parking lot south to the bridge. Currently there is parking on both sides of the street creating congestion and travel hazards for motorists and residents. The police department is looking for a favorable result from the study to limit parking to one side of the street. Chief Laughlin stated the study would be available for the next Public Safety meeting.

OFFICER BERWAGER: Chief Laughlin reminded the committee that Patrolman Berwager's probationary period is ending. His evaluations have been exceptional and he has been a good addition to the department. The Board of Commissioners will consider approving his probationary status to non probationary status at the next meeting.

THANK YOU LETTER: Chief Laughlin shared a thank you letter received from Northern York County Regional Police for the department's participation in the Spring Grove Critical Incident Response Exercise on September 26, 2014.

STREET LIGHTS – HIGH POINTE @ ROJEN FARMS: Manager Garvick presented a resolution for Met-Ed to add additional street lights to the High Pointe @ Rojen Farms development. These are the lights that were not installed per the approved subdivision and land development plan and held up the dedication of the streets. The Committee recommended approving the resolution.

CIVIL SERVICE REGULATION CHANGE: Manager Garvick stated that Police Chief Laughlin approached him about changing the Civil Service regulations with regards to hiring of police officers. The current process requires the applicant to pass a polygraph

test before a job offer is made. The change would require the job offer to be made first and the polygraph to be conducted with the physical and psychological evaluations. Section P-401 will be amended to remove the polygraph from line item five and add it to line item seven. The paragraph in section P-409 referencing polygraphs will be removed. The committee will forward the recommended changes to the Civil Service Commission.

SOUTH WESTERN SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET: Manager Garvick was contacted by South Western School District about the cost for the "resource officer" for the 2015-2016 school year. The Township currently receives \$16,000 for Patrolman Carbaugh's work at the school. He generally works 2 days a week, 7 hours per day. The committee would like an hourly salary that reflects the actual Township expenses incurred by having Patrolman Carbaugh onsite at the school. Assistant Manager Rodgers will calculate the costs and report back to the committee.

PARK FLAGS: Assistant Manager Rodgers received a request to replace a torn American flag at the community park. She recommended since the parks are closed for the season we turn off the electric and remove the flags until spring. Since the township purchases the flags for the parks, it was suggested to contact our local representatives' offices to see if they would have flags available for the township. The Committee recommended turning off the electric and removing the flags until spring.

TRICK OR TREAT: Commissioner Goldsmith commended the Township Police and Fire Departments for their work during the Halloween Parade and the recent Trick or Treat night.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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