

PENN TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
November 2, 2015

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee convened on Monday, November 2, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. Present were Chairman Prieber and Commissioners Klunk, Felix, Goldsmith, and Heilman. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, Police Chief Laughlin, Fire Chief Cromer, and Administrative Assistant Hallett. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Felix announced an Executive Session to discuss personnel will be held following the Finance Committee meeting. Commissioner Prieber read the announcement of the Executive Session held following the Board of Commissioners meeting on October 19, 2015.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the October 5, 2015 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: None

ACT 153: Chief Laughlin reported that all of the Act 153 compliance requirements have been met for the crossing guards.

POLICE CANDIDATES: Chief Laughlin reported that they are presently doing background checks on applicants from the Consortium List. The top three candidates should be determined in the next month. Chief Laughlin asked the Board if they would like to interview the candidates themselves or have the Township Manager, Lieutenant and Chief perform the interviews and make a recommendation. He advised that the academy class starts on January 19, 2016 and a candidate will need to be selected prior to this date. The Board of Commissioners would like to interview the candidates themselves.

YMCA PROPOSED MARATHON OCTOBER 2, 2016: Toni Shaw with the Hanover YMCA asked the Board for permission to hold their Marathon, running the same course as this year, on October 2, 2016 from 8:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. Ms. Shaw thanked the Board for allowing the Marathon on October 4, 2015. She stated that they raised over \$13,000 for cancer survivors during the 2015 Marathon. Chief Laughlin asked if the YMCA would provide the same traffic control next year. Ms. Shaw confirmed that the 2016 Marathon will mimic this year's. Police Chief Laughlin will work with the YMCA on the marathon.

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF AGREEMENT: Manager Rodgers reported that the Hanover Borough adopted the Deputy Fire Chief agreement at their October 28, 2015 meeting. The agreement is the exact same as the agreement provided for the Fire Chief. Commissioner Heilman asked that the Borough and the Township share salary information to ensure a fair salary is paid to both the Chief and the Deputy Chief. Commissioner Heilman stated that the questions raised in Solicitor Tilley's email will be addressed as talks concerning the merged fire departments continue. Manager Rodgers shared that bills are being exchanged between the Borough and the Township monthly and a settlement will take place at the end of the year. Commissioner Prieber asked that something be put in writing concerning this arrangement.

2016 SPCA AGREEMENT: Manager Rodgers reported that the SPCA fee will not change in 2016 as it is based on the last census. There were no objections to the agreement.

DISCUSSION ON POSSIBLE FIRE DEPARTMENT MERGER: Manager Rodgers reported that the Hanover Borough passed a motion at their October 28, 2015 meeting to continue with discussions on a possible fire merger or consolidation. A draft organizational chart was handed out for review. Commissioner Prieber and Commissioner Heilman are in favor of continuing in discussions. Commissioner Heilman stated that he was influenced by the knowledge that the Borough's decision was unanimous. Whether or not this needs to be voted on was discussed and the Board concluded that a formal vote would be appropriate.

OTHER MATTERS: Fire Chief Cromer reported that all Emergency Services staff Act 153 clearances need to be approved through various background checks, which should be completed by year end. Chief Cromer asked for permission to setup an account using the Township credit card so that the firefighter's checks can be performed and paid for by the Township. There were no objections.

CITIZENS QUESTIONS: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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