

MINUTES  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
MARCH 5, 2018

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee convened on Monday, March 5, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Brown and Commissioners Felix, Heiland, Klunk, and Van de Castle. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, Police Chief Laughlin, Police Lieutenant Hettinger, Fire Chief Clouser, Township Engineer Bortner, Assistant to the Engineer Garrett, Zoning Officer Smith, and Township Secretary Hallett. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Brown read the announcement of executive session that was held following the Board of Commissioners public meeting on February 19, 2018.

Commissioner Brown announced that an executive session to discuss personnel would be held following the Public Works Committee meeting this evening.

Township Manager Rodgers read a letter of resignation from Police Chief Laughlin, his final day with the Penn Township Police Department will be April 6, 2018.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the February 5, 2018 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None.

GOLD'S GYM ANNUAL FUNDRAISING RACE: The Committee received a letter dated February 23, 2018 from Gold's Gym requesting to hold their annual fundraising race. Police Chief Laughlin said this will be the fifth year for the event and they will walk the same route as in past years.

Manager Rodgers had some concerns about their request. The letter mentioned a food truck and Zoning Officer Smith confirmed that food trucks are not allowed without a special exception. After discussion the Committee advised Chief Laughlin and Zoning Officer Smith to work together on a letter for Gold's Gym, explaining what restrictions are in place.

SHREDDING RESOLUTION: Police Chief Laughlin provided a list of police department items to be shredded. The Committee recommended adopting a resolution for the shredding.

NEW PROJECTOR FOR POLICE TRAINING ROOM: Police Lieutenant Hettinger reported that a new projector is needed for the police training room. The Republican Club made a donation for the purchase and the funds will cover the entire cost of the new projector. The Committee recommended purchasing the projector.

OTHER MATTERS: Commissioner Brown said the police took a tour of the medical marijuana dispensary and asked Chief Laughlin to share about the experience. Chief

Laughlin said he was pleasantly surprised by how secure the facility is. All of their protocols seemed good but time will tell how well things work.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: Nate Osborne, Director of Facilities for South Western School District, said it's been a trying couple of weeks in the school system. A lot of people were on edge and the Penn Township Police Department showing up was really helpful. He said the support is sincerely appreciated and they did a great job. Commissioner Van de Castle said Superintendent Burkhart was also appreciative of the help.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Township Secretary