

MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MAY 7, 2018

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee convened on May 7, 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, Acting Police Chief Hettinger, Fire Chief Clouser, Township Engineer Bortner, Zoning Officer Smith, and Township Secretary Hallett. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Brown announced an executive session to discuss personnel was held following the Health & Sanitation Committee meeting on May 1, 2018.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the April 2, 2018 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: Gordon Pilgrim, 180 Northview Drive, wanted to discuss the street lights at Northview Drive and Arwco Drive. Commissioner Brown told him that would be discussed during the Public Works Committee meeting following the Public Safety Committee meeting this evening.

MDA 5K: The Committee received a letter dated April 18, 2018 from EPA Preferred Properties Real Estate, Inc. notifying the Township of a 5K run to benefit MDA. The event will be held October 6, 2018 at 9 a.m. Acting Police Chief Hettinger will send them a letter.

Commissioner Heiland asked if the concerns about Penn Township Fire Police had been addressed. Manager Rodgers said Preferred Properties didn't request fire police assistance but that the fire police are still covered under the Township's workers compensation policy for the volunteer organization.

POLICE FIRING RANGE: Acting Police Chief Hettinger reported on the police firing range. He said it has been in its current location for twenty-five years. In the past year and a half projectiles from the range have been found at the sewer plant next to the range. He believes this is due, at least in part, to the backfill behind the range being changed. It is now a very rocky soil with a lot of macadam. They have placed restrictions on use of the range prohibiting using it before 4:30 p.m. on weekdays and before 10:00 a.m. on Saturdays. This should keep any sewer employees from being on the property when the range is in use. Commissioner Brown said Hanover Borough and Conewago Township are currently using the range. The committee discussed the safety concerns and possible long term solutions. Acting Chief Hettinger will look into a certification process for firing ranges. He will also check with public firing ranges in the area to see if they could accommodate the police department and what the cost would be. For the time being the range will operate under restricted hours and all departments

using the range have been notified to be aware and take precautions. This will be discussed again next month.

FIRE TRUCK UPDATE: Fire Chief Clouser reported on the new fire truck. He said the committee will be going to Wisconsin May 22nd thru 24th. The inspection of the new fire truck will take place on May 23, 2018. If it is acceptable it will be shipped to Glick in Lancaster, PA for final installation of items. Chief Clouser expects the truck to be at the Clover Lane fire station sometime in June. There will be training and then the truck will be put into service.

WIRT PARK FIRE STATION INCIDENT: Fire Chief Clouser reported on an incident at the Wirt Park fire station on May 2, 2018. As a result of the incident security precautions are being taken, including overhead doors being kept closed and man doors remaining locked. The standard operating guidelines will be distributed to all paid and volunteer personnel.

RELAY FOR LIFE: The Committee received a letter dated May 3, 2018 from Relay for Life of Hanover requesting to solicit donations at two intersections in Penn Township on July 7, 2018. Acting Police Chief Hettinger will send them a letter.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela M. Hallett
Township Secretary