

MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
JUNE 4, 2018

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee convened on Monday, June 4, 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 read the announcement of executive session that was held following the Board of Commissioners public meeting on May 21, 2018.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the May 7, 2018 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: John and Jan Folkerts, 783 Blooming Grove Road, were present and shared some concerns about driving safety on Blooming Grove Road. Mr. Folkerts described several accidents that have occurred in front of their home and asked if the Township could help. They have contacted the Penn DOT engineering firm and were told an engineering study would be conducted. They would like to see reflectors marking the curve so people are more aware. Mr. Folkerts said there is also a lot of speeding. Acting Chief Hettinger said they try to get officers out as much as possible for speed enforcement. Unfortunately it's a state road and any signs or changes would need to be handled through Penn DOT. Commissioner Van de Castle said the police have an electronic speed sign that can be placed on Blooming Grove Road to help make people aware of how fast they are going. It can be left up for two weeks.

VETERANS LIFE INSURANCE PROGRAM: Chuck Harman, with Armed Forces Benefit Association, gave a presentation on life insurance offered through the First Responders Task Force. Commissioner Brown said the Board would take the information under advisement but they do have some concerns.

HANOVER AREA NIGHT OUT: Acting Chief Hettinger reported on the Hanover Area Night Out being held on August 7, 2018. The event will be held at the Target Center and they are working out all the logistics.

BROOKSIDE AVENUE TRAFFIC STUDY: Acting Chief Hettinger reported on a traffic study conducted on Brookside Avenue between Wayne Avenue and Charles Avenue. He received a complaint from the owner of 1010 Baer Avenue, whose backyard is on Brookside Avenue. There are vehicles parked on both sides of Brookside Avenue and it's not leaving enough room for two lanes of traffic. Officer Bryan Smith conducted a traffic study and it showed Brookside Avenue is sixteen feet wide at its narrowest and thirty-seven feet at its widest, which indicates "No Parking" signs can be posted.

Commissioner Heiland asked about making this section one-way so residents can still park on Brookside Avenue. Commissioner Klunk said the street is wide enough for two vehicles if cars aren't parked on the street. He asked if all the signs could be double arrows instead of single arrows placed at the beginning and end of the "No Parking" area. Acting Chief Hettinger will look into it. After discussion the Committee recommended advertising an Ordinance to make this section of Brookside Avenue a "No Parking" area.

N. BLETTNER AVENUE CLOSURE: Acting Chief Hettinger reported on a road closure on N. Blettner Avenue. Treehouse Foods needs to install a new fifty foot stove and it will require the road to be closed July 5th, 6th and possibly 7th. They agreed to close the road only between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. each day. Treehouse Foods will put a detour in place during the closure.

EMA MERGER: Fire Chief Clouser reported on a possible merger between Penn Township and Hanover Borough Emergency Management Agencies (EMA). He said this is the next logical step after the fire departments merged. Penn Township Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) Jeff Waltman explained how the merged agency would work. Commissioner Brown asked if the merged EMA would fall under the Hanover Area Fire & Rescue Commission and it would. Chief Clouser said the current EMC for Hanover Borough is not interested in participating in the merged agency. He has no objections to it but doesn't have the time to commit. Chief Clouser suggested that the Deputy Coordinator be appointed by the Borough so both municipalities have representation. Commissioner Klunk suggested recommending Jeff Waltman to the Fire Commission as the Coordinator. The Committee recommended proceeding with a merger. The Fire Commission will discuss it at their June 21, 2018 meeting.

RE-IDENTIFICATION OF FIREFIGHTER COATS: Fire Chief Clouser asked the Board if the firefighter's winter coats could be re-identified. He would like to add a name band and the 79 fire logo to the back of the coats so they match the rest of the fire apparel. He is ordering coats for the Hanover Borough firefighters and would like the Penn Township coats to match. After discussion the Committee recommended Chief Clouser proceed with the re-identification if the firefighters agree to wear the coats.

FIRE TRUCK: Fire Chief Clouser reported on the new fire truck. The truck was inspected May 22-24, 2018 by Captain Adams and Captain Boyce. Pierce is addressing the punch list items, then the truck will go to Glick's in Lancaster and then to the fire station once everything is finished. Chief Clouser is hoping it will arrive by the June 21, 2018 Fire Commission meeting.

COMMENDATION COMMITTEE: Fire chief Clouser reported that the Commendation Committee would like to recognize Firefighter Wysocki for his actions during the Baltimore Street fire, as well as the first unit to arrive at the scene. The commendations will be presented on June 21, 2018 at the Fire Commission meeting. Manager Rodgers said there is a meeting at SAVES fire station on the 21st and it would be hard to make it

to the Fire Commission meeting on time. Chief Clouser will look into moving the time of the meeting.

OTHER MATTERS: Acting Police Chief Hettinger reported that Columbia Gas has requested to close N. Blettner Avenue on June 18th and 19th, 2018 for their gas line project. It will be closed at Frederick Street.

Acting Police Chief Hettinger reported that they have received the court orders to destroy firearms from evidence. In the past the police have destroyed the weapons internally. Phoenix Distributors provides destruction service for free and gives a credit for any salvaged parts. The destruction of all required parts would be witnessed by one of our officers. The Committee recommended using Phoenix Distributors to destroy the firearms.

Acting Police Chief Hettinger reported that the onsite accreditation took place on May 31st and June 1st, 2018. Things went extremely well and they are recommending reaccreditation.

CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Township Secretary