

MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
AUGUST 6, 2018

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee convened on Monday, August 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Brown and Commissioners 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, WWTP Superintendent Mahone, and Township Secretary Hallett. Commissioner Felix was absent with notice. 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 July 16, 2018.

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

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None.

PENN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT FIFTY YEARS OF SERVICE: Commissioner Brown presented a banner to Acting Police Chief Hettinger, in recognition of fifty years of service for Penn Township Police Department. Commissioner Brown said the Penn Township Police Department was founded on August 12, 1968. On behalf of the Penn Township Commissioners, Penn Township Management, and all law-abiding citizens, Commissioner Brown officially recognized the Penn Township Police Department, it's patrolmen, officers, and managerial staff for fifty years of dedication, sacrifice, hard work, and integrity.

POLICE RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM: Acting Police Chief Hettinger reported on a possible change to the police department records management system. They are currently using Metro Alert which was purchased by Zuercher. Zuercher will maintain the product but will not be making any improvements. Acting Police Chief Hettinger said the York County Chiefs of Police is looking at other options. They are trying to find a way to pool resources to get a better price. Acting Police Chief Hettinger shared some details and pricing for two other systems he's been looking at. He will keep the Board updated as more information becomes available.

YORK COUNTY RADIO FEES: Acting Police Chief Hettinger reported on the York County radio fees. We are currently using B. Moyer Radio and paying \$3,500 annually for radio maintenance. York County just paid \$147,000 for the new radio system we received last year. They are considering charging the municipality an annual fee of \$20,000 or \$25,000 to cover the radio maintenance agreement and the equipment. The equipment would be replaced at the end of six years. It's basically a lease to own program. Acting Police Chief Hettinger has concerns with this because he'd prefer to choose his own equipment instead of being forced to use what is supplied by York

County. He said nothing has been decided, these are just ideas being considered. Commissioner Klunk advised Acting Chief Hettinger to keep the Board apprised.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: Acting Police Chief Hettinger reported on National Night Out being held August 7, 2018 from 6 to 8 p.m. The event will be held rain or shine, unless there is lightening. He said Officer Gebhart reported everything is ready to go and there will be more vendors than last year.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL EMA AGREEMENT: Manager Rodgers reported on the intergovernmental EMA agreement with Hanover Borough. She forwarded the agreement to Attorney Hovis and received his comments. He indicated this can be done through the Fire Commission, but he has concerns with the per capita cost basis. He isn't sure if population is a good indication of future costs. He included provisions that make one municipality responsible for any costs for an emergency that is solely within that municipality. Commissioner Klunk stated that the Fire Commission should be in charge and the cost split the same as other Commission expenses. If an event is entirely in one municipality, it should be paid for by that municipality. After discussion the Committee advised Manager Rodgers to forward this information to the Hanover Borough manager.

FIRE COMMISSION BUDGET CHANGES FOR 2018: Fire Chief Clouser reported on changes to the Fire Commission's 2018 budget. Due to payroll and benefits being retained by each municipality, and other various items, the net impact of all adjustments proposed is a decrease to the total funding allotment of \$3,543,168. The Committee recommended approving the budget changes.

JULY 2018 FLOODING EVENT: Emergency Management Coordinator Jeffrey Waltman reported on the July 25, 2018 flooding event. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania needs to have a total of \$18,000,000 in damages to qualify for FEMA assistance. As of today \$7,500,000 in damages have been reported, so it appears unlikely FEMA will get involved. EMC Waltman reviewed properties within the Township that suffered damage. He encouraged anyone with flood insurance to make a claim because it doesn't look like a FEMA disaster will be declared.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela M. Hallett
Township Secretary