

MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 4, 2018

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee convened on Tuesday, September 4, 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 August 20, 2018.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the August 6, 2018 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None.

FIRE CIVIL SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS: Fire Chief Clouser reported that he and Civil Service Commission Chairman Spielman are working on updating the Civil Service Rules and Regulations for the fire department. He said they'd like to add lie detection to the hiring process for fire fighters. Chairman Spielman was in favor of the change and pointed out that the police department already uses the test and it often detects things that don't come out in other interview questions. After discussion the Committee recommended adding lie detection to the hiring process for firefighters. Chief Clouser will continue to work on the Civil Service Rules and Regulations with Chairman Spielman.

KLUGH ANIMAL CONTROL CONTRACT FOR 2019: Acting Police Chief Hettinger reported on the Klugh Animal Control contract for 2019. It's basically the same as last year and the police department is happy with the service Klugh has given. The Township also received an agreement from Drebushenko Animal Control Services. The Committee recommended approving the contract with Klugh Animal Control Services.

HANOVER HOMECOMING PARADE: The Committee received a letter dated August 30, 2018 from Hanover High School requesting to close McAllister Street for their Homecoming activities. Acting Police Chief Hettinger said the street will be closed for approximately fifteen minutes and it will not require any extra police officers to be scheduled. The Committee recommended approving the request.

HALLOWEEN PARADE: The Committee received a letter dated August 28, 2018 from Hanover Area Jaycees requesting to hold the annual Halloween parade on October 25, 2018 with a rain date of October 29, 2018. Acting Police Chief Hettinger said the parade request is the same as years past and Lieutenant Merwede is working to make sure there is appropriate manpower.

Commissioner Klunk had concerns with the organization of the parade and the lack of volunteers. After discussion the Committee decided to approve the request but to express their concerns in a letter.

Jeffrey Waltman, Penn Township Emergency Management Coordinator, had concerns about the Halloween parade. He asked if there is an emergency plan in place. Commissioner Klunk said he's not aware of a written plan. The majority of the parade is in Hanover Borough but it does cross into Penn Township. EMC Waltman said it may be too late to make a plan for this year but it is important to know who is in charge in the event of an emergency. The Committee recommended someone represent Penn Township's concerns at the next parade meeting on September 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Klunk and EMC Waltman are both willing to go.

Commissioner Heiland asked if the parade will require a recycling program. WWTP Superintendent Mahone will review the Ordinance and see what it says about parades.

2019 PATROL CRUISERS: Acting Police Chief Hettinger reported on a request to pre-order two 2019 police cruisers. He said there will be major changes to the 2020 model and they will cost a minimum \$3,500 more, per cruiser. He isn't sure what the changes will entail or if the cages will fit the new model. To receive the 2019 model a pre-order has to be placed by September 21, 2018, but will not be delivered or paid for until February of 2019. The Committee recommended he pre-order two cruisers.

YOUTH AID PANEL REQUEST: The Committee received a letter dated September 1, 2018 from the Juvenile Probation Department requesting to use the Community Room, free of charge, in 2019 for their Youth Aid Panel meetings. The Committee recommended approving the request.

REQUEST FROM NORTHERN YORK REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT: Acting Police Chief Hettinger reported on a request from Northern York Regional Police Department for officers to man a DUI checkpoint. They have supplied us with officers for DUI checkpoints in the past. This would be an overtime posting for officers and the overtime would be reimbursed. Our police coverage wouldn't be affected by this. The Committee recommended posting the overtime request.

OTHER MATTERS: Township Manager Rodgers reported that the resident at 650 Black Rock Road is requesting a "Hidden Driveway" sign. In an email, Engineer Bortner had recommended we contact Penn DOT and have LTAP conduct a safety study. Engineer Bortner added that we have asked the resident to contact YAMPO on their own in the past.

Fire Chief Clouser reported there is a tree on Azalea Drive that makes turning on to Grandview Road difficult. Zoning Officer Smith will look at the tree.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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