

MINUTES  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
OCTOBER 1, 2018

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee convened on Monday, October 1, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Brown and Commissioners Heiland, Klunk, Felix and Van de Castle. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, Acting Police Chief Hettinger, Fire Chief Clouser, Township Engineer Bortner, and Zoning Officer Smith. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Brown read the announcement of an executive session that was held following the Board of Commissioners public meeting on September 17, 2018.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the September 4, 2018 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: John Dowell, 1293 Grandview Road, was present to talk about implementing a jake brake ordinance. Mr. Dowell had previously asked for a similar ordinance. The Committee thanked him for this concern and will take the request under advisement and will have a response at the next Public Safety Committee meeting on November 5, 2018.

POLICE BUDGET: Police Lt. Merwede presented an overview of the 2019 police budget. As it is proposed the total expenses will be \$4,604,013. They are proposing new Tasers, new computers, high speed internet, improvements to the firing range, a new Report Management System, a possible new roof on the building, and two new police cruisers. The Committee asked questions regarding the budget items.

FIRE COMMISSION BUDGET: Fire Commission Chief Clouser made a presentation about the Hanover Area Fire Rescue Commission. He covered personnel, equipment, fire inspections, grants, EMS, and facilities. He reviewed the Commission's proposed budget for 2019. The proposed budget does include two numbers, one with just the two municipalities and a second if the EMS is joined into the Commission along with the Volunteers. During the review the EMA joint agreement was reviewed. It was recommended that it be sent to the Solicitor and the Borough of Hanover manager. The Committee will review both the Police and Fire budgets at a future Finance Committee meeting.

BURN ORDINANCE: The Committee reviewed the current burn ordinance. It was noted that the Ordinance does allow for bon fires under the approval of the Fire Code Official as long as they applicant is granted a permit. There were no recommended changes at this time.

CIVIL SERVICE REGULATIONS: The Committee reviewed the proposed Civil Service Rules and Regulation changes for the firefighters. The Civil Service Commission will be

considering the changes at their next meeting on October 11. If approved by them, the rules and regulations will come to the Board of Commissioners for adoption.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Township Manager