

MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 5, 2018

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee convened on Monday, November 5, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Brown and Commissioners Klunk, Felix and Van de Castle. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, Acting Police Chief Hettinger, Fire Chief Clouser, Township Engineer Bortner, Zoning Officer Smith, and Administrative Assistant McMaster. Commissioner Heiland was absent with notice. 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 October 15, 2018. An executive session will be held following the public works meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the October 1, 2018 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: John Dowell, 1293 Grandview Road, asked about the brake retarders and would like to know what is going on. Commissioner Brown discussed that the first thing we need to do in regards to brake retarders is to pass a resolution. The second thing we need to do is draft an ordinance which needs to be reviewed by the legal department and then finally submitted to the state which will have the final say. Commissioner Brown also stated that we would be looking at February or March until something happens. The goal is to move forward with the resolution and then the commissioners can approve it at a future meeting. Overall PennDOT will have to grant the township permission.

Mr. Dowell discussed about getting truck drivers off the road due to the noise. Commissioner Brown states we will not be able to get drivers off there completely but in order to do something about brake retarders, we need to get an ordinance adopted.

Ms. Roop from 19 Sherman Street had complaints about six inches of water going into her basement, and she called 911, but no one showed up. She is concerned about why the police did not show up, and why this is happening. Chief Hettinger stated that the police department responds when they are notified.

Mr. Lerch, Blooming Grove Rd, also spoke about concerns of the speed limit and brake retarders. He thinks it is not necessary for them to go that fast, and are not following the 35 speed limit.

SPCA AGREEMENT: Manager Rodgers reported about the SPCA agreement. The fee for the 2019 agreement will stay the same and will not be changed until after the 2020 census.

EMA AGREEMENT: Manager Rodgers reported about the EMA agreement. She stated that they covered most of it on Monday night's meeting. There is still legal issues regarding the agreement. The solicitor is very receptive of a committee, so they will try

to work something out for Chief Clouser. She is not sure if it is going to be the next ordinance we adopt or if it will be something separate. We are still having concerns of cost and how we will divide it up.

FIRE COMMISSION BUDGET: Fire Commission Chief Clouser made a presentation about the Hanover Area Fire Rescue Commission during last's month meeting and made one at this meeting. He covered personnel, equipment, fire inspections, grants, EMS, and facilities. He reviewed the Commission's proposed budget for 2019. The total for the Fire Commission includes EMS which is \$3,133,069. The total Penn Township contribution with EMS is \$682,070. If EMS does not come in or comes in at a later date an adjustment can be made.

OTHER MATTERS: Chief Hettinger stated that the Halloween parade went very well. Hanover Honda had a lot of volunteers show up to help. They only had one minor accident but none within the parade itself. They will be doing a follow-up meeting to work on an emergency plan with EMA Director Waltman to continue to make sure parade is safe. Chief Hettinger's three new hires are doing well. The one officer had a medical issue, but he is back healthy. Chief Clouser wanted to address Ms. Roop in regards to the flooding. He stated that they did have one report of a rescue and one dispatch but no other calls that night. Chief Hettinger states that they get so many calls and depending on the circumstance decides whether or not they go out to the house. Commissioner Klunk spoke about saving money on fire. He gave a document showing the differences between 2015 and 2016, and the proposed Fire Commission budget. Commissioner Klunk stated that indeed we are saving money by a couple hundred thousand, even with the wages on it as well.

CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary