

MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 3, 2018

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee convened on Monday, December 3, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Brown and Commissioners Klunk, Heiland and Van de Castle. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, Acting Police Chief Hettinger, Fire Chief Clousher, Township Engineer Bortner, Zoning Officer Smith, and Township Secretary McMaster. Commissioner Felix 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 November 19, 2018. An executive session will be held tonight following the public works meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the November 5, 2018 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted with the change that the wages are included in Commissioner Klunk's statement on the comparison of fire expenses.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: Devin Breithaupt commented on the concerns of no parking along Brookside Avenue. Prompted by his visit was a parking ticket violation. He was unaware of no parking along this street. He stated his frustration in the parking ticket because he has to help an elderly lady unload things and that the sign is not noticeable. Commissioner Klunk and Police Chief Hettinger both agree the reason that the no parking signs are there because of how narrow the road is. When Burkentine started building the townhouses along the road, they had the option to make the road larger, and they did not. Widening the road is the only option and no changes will be happening at this time.

OFFICER PULLER ACADEMY GRADUATION: Chief Hettinger reported that Officer Puller is graduating on Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 5 p.m. at Susquehanna Township High School. Chief Hettinger, Lieutenant Merwede, Manager Rodgers, and Commissioner Brown will be leaving at 3:30 p.m. to attend the graduation.

REVIEW BRAKE RETARDER RESTRICTIONS: Manager Rodgers reported about brake retarder restrictions. Manager Rodgers wrote up a sample letter in regards to possibly enacting an engine brake retarder prohibition on two of the Pennsylvania State roads located within Penn Township. The requested prohibition would be on Grandview Road State Route 3068 from Blooming Grove Road Route 216 to York Street Route 116 and Blooming Grove Road State Route 216 from the bridge to York Street State Route 116. Chief Hettinger would like see if there can be an exception for emergency vehicles. The Commissioners agreed to send a letter to PennDOT.

EMA DISCUSSION: Manager Rodgers reported on EMA Director. The Commissioners have received the amending agreement with both solicitor's comments in it as well as the ordinance to adopt the agreement. Manager Rodgers has heard back from the Solicitor. Once they hear back, Manager Rodgers will forward it to the Borough. Penn Township and Hanover Borough have the same concerns in regards to finance and the person who will be selected to supervise the EMA Director. A committee made up of the four elected officials on the Commission will supervise the EMA Director.

OTHER MATTERS: Chief Hettinger reported on a letter from Southwestern High School to have a color run. This would be held on Saturday, May 25, 2019. There were no objections to this run. Chief Hettinger also discussed an event that other township police officers participate in PA. It is called No Shave November. It lasts forty days, and it costs the officers one dollar each day. This money will then go to a local charity. Chief Hettinger mentioned that there will be guidelines and that when the forty days is over, the beard has to come off. Chief Hettinger discussed about a new copier and new phone network that they are trying out. The copier would be an outright purchase and it would cover everything but the paper. The phone network is specific for emergency responders or disaster events that occur. Chief proposed to purchase the Taser and Power EMS after the budget is approved in December. Chief Clouser reported on the Senate Resolution 6, Fire and EMS Report that was distributed to the Commissioners and Manager Rodgers. The recommendations give a general outline of the report itself. Chief Clouser and Commissioner Klunk also went to Hanover Area Jaycees for a parade meeting. During this meeting it was discussed of what went right and what wrong at the parade. Chief Clouser stated that the planning is going well and there will be no issues with the volunteer help for the 2019 parade.

CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney L. McMaster
Recording Secretary