

MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
APRIL 1, 2019

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee convened on Monday, April 1, 2019 at 7:02 p.m, following a special meeting of The Board of Commissioners. Present were Chairman Brown and Commissioners Klunk, Heiland and Van de Castle. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, Acting Police Chief Hettinger, Fire Chief Clouser, Township Engineer Bortner, Township Secretary Sweeney and Zoning Officer Smith. Commissioner Felix was absent with notice. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the March 4, 2019 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: Richard Koons, 5 Garden Lane, Inquired the status of a parking change to remove campers from street. Acting Police Chief Hettinger stated he is waiting to hear from the solicitor who is looking into an ordinance from the Borough of Hanover. This is considered a safety issue. Mr. Koons stated that the camper had been moved, but now there is a utility car carrier in the driveway. Manager Rodgers stated she is not looking to hear from the solicitor prior to April 12, 2019.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE CANVAS: Acting Police Chief Hettinger received a letter from the American Cancer Society requesting to solicit donations at multiple intersections in Penn Township. After discussing safety, the Committee advised Acting Police Chief Hettinger to send them a letter.

ST. JOSEPH ATHLETIC FOUNDATION 5K: The Township received a letter from Saint Joseph Athletic Association requesting permission to conduct a 5k. Acting Police Chief Hettinger will send them the standard letter.

MEADOW LANE TRAFFIC STUDY: Intersection of Meadow Ln. and Hillside Rd. is currently controlled by stop signs stopping traffic on Meadow Ln. at Hillside Rd. Due to a newly erected medical center, traffic volume on Meadow Ln. is expected to increase while volume on Hillside Rd. will remain low. It is believed switching the stop signs to control traffic on Hillside Rd. rather than Meadow Ln. will create a smoother traffic flow. Upon the completion of construction Meadow Ln. will be designated a Through Highway connecting Grandview Rd. with Kaitlyn Dr. All intersections between these points will stop for Meadow Ln.

YMCA HANOVER HALF MARATHON: Acting Police Chief Hettinger received a letter from Hanover Area YMCA informing the township of an upcoming half marathon. Acting Police Chief Hettinger will send them the standard letter.

HANOVER HALLOWEEN PARADE: Acting Police Chief Hettinger received an email informing him that the Hanover Halloween Parade will be held on Thursday, October 31, 2019, with a rain date of November 4, 2019. The Committee had no objections, Acting Police Chief Hettinger will wait for the official letter before presenting to the Committee.

TRICK-OR-TREAT: The Committee agreed to hold Trick-or-Treat on Tuesday, October 29, 2019.

TRUE NORTH MOU: Solicitor approved the agreement. Chairman Brown questioned what the Township's liability is if agreement is signed. Solicitor had stated previously that it is in the best interest for the Township to sign. The Committee moved for a favorable recommendation to the Board of Commissioners.

HANOVER PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT MOU: Acting Police Chief Hettinger stated that the Agreement is no different from the past agreements. The committee had no objections, and moved for a favorable recommendation to the Board of commissioners.

OTHER MATTERS: Fire Chief Clouser stated he was currently accepting applications for firefighters. He will be meeting with the volunteers on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 about joining the fire commission.

Applications for a Storm Water Authority Board are being accepted.

INSTALLATION OF CHIEF HETTINGER AS THE FULL-TIME PENN TOWNSHIP CHIEF OF POLICE: Chairman Brown commented that Acting Police Chief Guy Hettinger joined the Penn Township Police Department as a patrolman twenty-six years ago in September of 1993. Chairman Brown and Manager Rodgers congratulated Guy Hettinger on becoming the Chief of Police for Penn Township effective April 6, 2019.

CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEE REGARDING DISCUSSION ITEMS: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m., with a brief reception.

Respectfully submitted,

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