PENN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE JANUARY 4, 2010

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee met on Monday, January 4, 2010 at 7:09 PM following the Reorganization Meeting at the Penn Township Municipal Building. Present were Chairman Felix and Commissioners Heilman, Prieber, Rewa and Goldsmith. Also present were Manager Garvick, Police Chief Rhodes, Fire Chief Cromer and Administrative Assistant Rodgers. The following items were discussed:

<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS:</u> Commissioner Prieber announced the executive session held following the Board of Commissioners meeting on December 21, 2009. Commissioner Felix announced a personnel session was held before and following the Board of Commissioners meeting on December 29, 2009.

<u>APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:</u> The minutes of the December 7, 2009 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: None

<u>APPOINTMENT TO PERMANT STATUS OF PROBATIONARY PATROLMAN:</u> Chief Rhodes recommended the permanent appointment of Officers Michael Smith and Steve Gebhart as they have satisfactorily completed their probationary periods. The Committee recommended making the appointments at their next meeting on January 18, 2010.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN: Manager Garvick stated the Township is required to have an updated Emergency Response Plan, which has been prepared by Fire Chief Cromer. It needs to be adopted by Resolution which Manager Garvick recommended doing at the next meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Felix noted that the 2010 budget does include a stipend for an emergency management director. The Committee recommended the Township notify the public that they are accepting applications for the position. The hiring process is anticipated to take about three to four months to complete. Applications, along with a job description, will be available at the Township Office.

H1N1 (SWINE FLU) VACCINES: Chief Rhodes reported that another H1N1 vaccine clinic would be held on Saturday, January 9, 2010 at the old Pennville Fire Station on Frederick Street. This clinic is for those children that need the booster shot along with other individuals that would like to receive the vaccine. Appointments are being taken until Wednesday morning by Hanover Hospital at which time they will notify the Township emergency services about how many are being expected. Both Chief Rhodes and Chief Cromer did not anticipate any problems since there were none at the last event.

<u>PROBATIONARY FIREFIGHTER:</u> Chief Cromer reported that the Commissioners' first choice for probationary firefighter has accepted the position contingent upon favorable background checks and physicals. The fire academy starts in March and will conclude in about twelve to sixteen weeks, depending upon the number of participants.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

PENN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE FEBRUARY 1, 2010

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee met on Monday, February 1, 2010 at 7:00 PM. Present were Chairman Felix and Commissioners Heilman, Prieber, Rewa and Goldsmith. Also present were Manager Garvick, Police Chief Rhodes, Fire Chief Cromer and Administrative Assistant Rodgers. The following items were discussed:

<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>: Commissioner Prieber read the announcement of the executive session held following the Board of Commissioners meeting on January 18, 2010.

<u>APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:</u> The minutes of the January 4, 2010 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: None

<u>ALLIED VETERAN'S COUNCIL:</u> The Committee received a request dated January 16, 2010 from Allied Veterans Council for approval to hold the annual Memorial Day parade on May 31, 2010. The Committee recommended approving the request.

<u>OUTDOOR WOOD FURNANCES:</u> Chief Cromer reintroduced an ordinance for the installation, inspection and usage of outdoor wood furnaces. We have three of these units in the Township and he would like to reduce the number of fire calls we are receiving due to improper installation and citizen complaints regarding excessive smoke. These units can be used both in the summer and winter months. The Committee recommended having the solicitor review the proposed ordinance.

MA/COM RADIO PROBLEMS: Chief Rhodes reported that last week the York County Police Chief's Association and other emergency service organizations met with the York County Commissioners to discuss problems with the new radio system. The County has tested a fix in some of the radios and found this has helped alleviate the problems that the agencies were experiencing. The fix will be put in all the portable radios starting with those experiencing the worse problems. The fire agencies will then be upgraded with the hope that this would solve some of their problems but it was noted it would not solve them all.

<u>VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY:</u> Chief Cromer reported that the Volunteer Emergency Services Association would be voting tomorrow night on the purchase of one or two new ambulances. The oldest ambulance is a 2000. They have gone from 1500 calls a year to 4500 calls a year in the last three years. They are proposing to purchase two ambulances with larger bodies for heavier use. They can financially support this as they are doing well with providing emergency medical service. One of the old units may be kept as a reserve unit. The type of unit they are purchasing will be able to be driven up to 200,000 miles. The current ambulances have been driven about 92,000 miles so they are of no use to any other organization. Chief Cromer will provide the Committee with a report on what the company decides.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

PENN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MARCH 1, 2010

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee met on Monday, March 1, 2010 at 7:00 PM. Present were Chairman Felix and Commissioners Heilman, Prieber and Goldsmith. Commissioner Rewa was absent with notice. Also present were Manager Garvick, Police Chief Rhodes, Fire Chief Cromer and Administrative Assistant Rodgers. The following items were discussed:

<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS:</u> Commissioner Prieber read the announcement of the executive session held following the Board of Commissioners meeting on February 15, 2010.

<u>APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:</u> The minutes of the February 1, 2010 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: Michael Anderson, 5230 Grandview Road, expressed concern about the condition of Grandview Road from Beck Mill Road to Westminster Road. He is also concerned about speeding vehicles and the safety of the children in the neighborhood. There is a curve in the road that forces traffic across the centerline if they are traveling at a high rate of speed. He would like to have a "children at play" sign installed and has asked if the police would sit in his driveway to watch the traffic. Chief Rhodes stated that the sign requested is not a regulatory sign and would not require a traffic study to install. Commissioner Felix asked if the police could watch the area. Chief Rhodes explained that it is more conducive for the police to stage speed enforcement operations at St. Joseph's Church. Chief Rhodes also stated that traveling on the wrong side of the road could be seen and addressed by a police officer at any location. Chief Rhodes will work with Mr. Anderson to help solve his concerns.

<u>ANTHONY PHILLIPS:</u> President Commissioner Prieber administered the Oath of Office to Anthony Phillips as a fire fighter for Penn Township. Mr. Phillip's employment begins on March 8, 2010.

<u>RADIO SYSTEM:</u> Chief Rhodes reported that York County was here last week to upgrade the County radio system and we were one of the last municipalities to have this done. Chief Rhodes will speak with other police departments this week to discuss their situations about what to expect from the upgrades.

<u>FIRE DEPT. GRANT:</u> Manager Garvick reported that the Township has received notification of approval of a grant from DCED, which will be used to purchase radios for the fire department. This grant was applied for in 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

PENN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE APRIL 5, 2010

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee met on Monday, April 5, 2010 at 7:00 PM. Present were Chairman Felix and Commissioners Heilman, Rewa and Goldsmith. Commissioner Prieber was absent with notice. Also present were Manager Garvick, Police Chief Rhodes, Fire Chief Cromer and Administrative Assistant Rodgers. The following items were discussed:

<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS:</u> Commissioner Felix read the announcement of the executive session held following the Board of Commissioners meeting on March 15, 2010.

<u>APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:</u> The minutes of the March 1, 2010 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: None.

<u>NATIONAL NIGHT OUT:</u> Chief Rhodes reported that last year the Township, in conjunction with the National Night Out, conducted a program to promote safety at the Penn Township Community Park. The turnout last year was more than anyone expected and created a problem with parking which has caused Chief Rhodes to look for a better location for the event. The event would be scheduled for the evening of Tuesday, August 3, 2010. Chief Rhodes will be contacting several local businesses, including the school district, about hosting the event at their facilities.

2009 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE: Chief Cromer reported that the proposed amended 2009 ternational Fire Code has been reviewed. The Fire Chief suggested several changes to the code. The rese changes include permit forms and fees for explosives, fire hydrants and valves, open burning, automatic fire extinguishing systems, fire alarm and detection system, private fire hydrants, and standpipe systems. There was some discussion about the fees and the development of the necessary forms. The ordinance will be advertised for adoption when it is ready.

<u>FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES:</u> Chief Rhodes requested that the Fraternal Order of Eagles be placed on the agenda for the April 19, 2010 Board of Commissioners meeting. Nevin Baumgardner will present a donation check to the Public Safety Department on behalf of the Eagles.

<u>POLICE AWARDS</u>: Chief Rhodes would also like some time on the agenda to present the police department awards for 2010.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATER: Manager Garvick reported that the emergency management coordinator position has been advertised in the Township newsletter and individuals have begun to show interest in the position. There has not been a coordinator since March 2009. In the interim, Dale Crabbs and Fire Chief Cromer are handling the duties. Manager Garvick reported that a job description has been prepared and applicants have begun calling with questions about the job. He noted that it would take a while for State and County approval of the applicant, depending upon the coursework that will need to be completed to meet the state requirements. In addition, stipends and compensation levels would need to be set. Applications will be taken through June 1, 2010. This person chosen will report to the Township Manager. There is an Emergency Management plan that has been recently ibmitted to York County, which needs to be updated every two years. The Committee suggested a supend of \$1500 plus mileage. There was some discussion about what the reimbursement should be for mileage. The Committee will interview the applicants and make a determination after the review of the applicants.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

PENN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE May 3, 2010

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee met on Monday, May 3, 2010 at 7:00 PM. Present were Chairman Felix and Commissioners Prieber, Heilman, Rewa and Goldsmith. Also present were Manager Garvick, Police Chief Rhodes, Fire Chief Cromer and Administrative Assistant Rodgers. The following items were discussed:

<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS:</u> Commissioner Felix announced an executive session will be held following the Finance Committee meeting. Commissioner Prieber announced that the notice for the executive session following the Board of Commissioners meeting on April 19, 2010 will be read at the Public Works meeting tomorrow night.

<u>APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:</u> The minutes of the April 5, 2010 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: None.

<u>PLEASANT HILL FIREMAN'S CARNIVAL:</u> The Committee received a request dated April 16, 2010 from the West Manheim Township Board of Supervisors requesting the use of the Penn Township Fire Police during the Pleasant Hill Firemen's Carnival July 26th through July 31st, 2010. The Committee recommended approving the request.

MDA WALK: The Committee received a request dated April 19, 2010 from William Shanbarger to hold the 8th annual 5k walk/run for MDA on Saturday, September 11, 2010 at the Hillside Medical Center. Chief Rhodes stated that we do not close streets or supply manpower to facilitate the event so there is really no need for formal approval. But he would notify Mr. Shanbarger that police would be in the area if needed.

<u>FIRE ACADEMY GRADUATION</u>: Fire fighter Anthony Phillips will graduate from the fire academy on May 27, 2010.

<u>POLLING PLACE:</u> Commissioner Felix noted that the District 1 polling place has changed from Bentley's at the Barn to St. Joseph's Church on Grandview Road.

<u>JULY MEETINGS:</u> The Committee recommended having all the July Committee meetings on July 6th due to the Independence Day holiday and the office being closed on July 5, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

PENN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE June 7, 2010

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee met on Monday, June 7, 2010 at 7:00 PM. Present were Chairman Felix and Commissioners Prieber, Heilman, Rewa and Goldsmith. Also present were Manager Garvick, Police Chief Rhodes, Fire Chief Cromer and Administrative Assistant Rodgers. The following items were discussed:

<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS:</u> Commissioner Felix announced a personnel session would be held following the Finance meeting this evening to discuss fire personnel issues.

<u>APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:</u> The minutes of the May 3, 2010 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: None.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR: Commissioner Felix noted that the Committee members were provided with copies of the nine applications that were submitted for the position of Emergency Management Coordinator. Commissioner Felix suggested that Township Manager Garvick and Fire Chief Cromer review the applications and suggest two or three applicants to interview on Wednesday, June 30 starting at 6:30 p.m.

<u>FIREFIGHTER GRADUATION:</u> Chief Cromer reported that Firefighter Anthony Phillips graduated from the fire academy on May 27 and began working on June 1. He is taking inhouse training and is also attending a class at York to achieve his necessary certifications.

<u>HACC FIRE ACADEMY:</u> Chief Cromer reported that HACC has a scholarship program for firefighters attending the academy and the Township received \$1000 for Firefighter Phillips' education.

<u>P.T.V.E.S:</u> Chief Cromer reported that he applied to the State Fire Commissioner's office and received \$30,000 for the volunteer fire company and \$5,000 for the EMS. The grants have already been awarded and must be used toward debt reduction.

2010 POLICE CAR: Chief Rhodes reported that the Township has received the 2010 Crown Victoria. The county computer system has been installed and the painting has been completed. The fire company is installing the radio equipment that was removed from the other vehicle. Commissioner Felix thanked the Fire Department for their help. New Holland Auto would like to be included on the bidder's list for any future vehicle purchases. They handle most models of cars including Fords and Dodges. They delivered the vehicle and took care of all the paperwork.

<u>FIREFIGHTERS</u>: Manager Garvick reported on House Bill 1231 which would cover a volunteer or career firefighter who has been exposed to any fire and who then at some future time develops a cancer associated with heat, gas, radiation, or other known carcinogen. The firefighter will then be eligible for coverage under the municipality's workmen compensation insurance. The firefighter will only have to show that he or she was exposed to a fire while performing their duties to gain the presumption that the cancer was caused by the occupation of firefighting. There is an unlimited time frame for filing a claim

as opposed to the current 300 weeks for a claim to be filed. Manager Garvick is not sure what the cost ramifications would be to the Township's plan. Commissioner Felix is concerned because we did not find out about the legislation from our elected officials but rather from the State Association of Township Commissioners. Commissioner Felix stated that the Township is not necessarily opposed to the coverage as much as it results in another unfunded mandate. He suggests sending a pleasant thank you letter to our elected officials for keeping us informed of the progress of this legislation. Commissioner Heilman suggested that we contact the state associations that we belong to for filing a class action lawsuit because cancer causes can not be determined. There was some concern about the cost of workman's compensation and what other insurance the Township will need to carry to meet the mandate. There is also some concern about the guidelines that will need to be followed by the Fire Company and the Municipality.

<u>HANOVER AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES:</u> Manager Garvick reported that we have received a request from the Hanover Area Council of Churches for the Crop Walk in October. The Committee will review at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

PENN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE JULY 6, 2010

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee met on Tuesday, July 6, 2010 at 7:00 PM. Present were Chairman Felix and Commissioners Prieber, Heilman, Rewa and Goldsmith. Also present were Manager Garvick, Police Chief Rhodes, Fire Chief Cromer, Engineer Bortner and WWTP Supt. Mahone. The following items were discussed:

<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS:</u> Commissioner Prieber read the announcement of the executive session held following the Board of Commissioners meeting on June 21, 2010

<u>APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:</u> The minutes of the June 7, 2010 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: Ms. Kelly Roman, 308 Azalea Drive addressed the committee with the problem of trees from Young's Woods infringing upon her property. The branches extend over her property resulting in leaf and pollen pollution. Also, the branches occasionally drop into her yard damaging her fence, shed and pool. Manager Garvick reported that the Township investigated this complaint last year and one of the problems was that the property pins indicate that some of the offending trees are actually on Ms. Roman's property. Ms. Roman was given the option of simply cutting down or trimming the trees that present a problem. She would prefer that the Township assume this cost and responsibility.

It was suggested that the Township contact a tree trimmer for a estimate of the cost to remove the trees. Ms. Roman would then receive an answer at the next Public Works Committee meeting on August 3rd.

<u>911 RADIO TOWER UPDATE:</u> Chief Rhodes reported on a conversation he had with York County Dept. of Emergency Services Director Eric Bistline on the progress of the two new radio towers for the Hanover Area. The towers should be constructed by August or September and completely functional by October.

<u>HANOVER AREA NIGHT OUT:</u> Chief Rhodes reported on the plans for the 2^{nd} annual event scheduled for Tuesday, August 3^{rd} from 6-8:30 PM at the South Western High School. He has several sponsors lined up to help with expenses. Also, York County Probation Officer Brandy Baugher and Penn Township Patrolman John Carbaugh have activities planned for the youngsters.

<u>COMPUTER EQUIPMENT:</u> Chief Cromer requested an amendment to his operating budget. He would like to forego replacing the hose trays on an engine and instead purchase a computer, printer and software for use by his captains at the fire station. Presently, all computers in the station are the property of PTVES and it would be much more convenient if the captains had a computer of their own. The hose trays were estimated at \$4,000 while the computer equipment will come in around \$1500. The committee agreed.

<u>YORK COUNTY QUICK RESPONSE TEAM:</u> Chief Rhodes reported that he received a revised agreement from the York County District Attorney's office to continue Penn's participation in the York County Quick Response Team. Penn currently provides officers to assist this tactical unit. The committee agreed to place the agreement on the July 19th agenda for approval.

<u>CLOVER LANE TRAFFIC SIGNAL:</u> Chairman Felix requested an update on the progress of the traffic signal at Baltimore St. and Clover Lane. Manager Garvick indicated that the engineering department was preparing plats for the rights-of-way agreements necessary for the construction.

<u>PURCHASE OF AMBULANCES:</u> Chairman Felix reported that the commissioners received a request from PTVES, through Chief Cromer, regarding the purchase of the two new ambulances. The fire company was planning on purchasing one ambulance outright and financing the other through M&T Bank. The bankers suggested that it might be better if the Township leased the units from M&T and then had the fire company sub-lease the units from the Township. The Township could receive a non-interest loan at a rate of 3.574% as opposed to a rate of over 6% that would have to be paid if the Township were not involved. The committee was not opposed to helping the fire company with a lease agreement. However, it was suggested that they purchase the first unit outright and then lease the second for a term of less than 7 years. It was further suggested that Manager Garvick and Chief Cromer meet with the M&T representatives to get more information.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

PENN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE AUGUST 2, 2010

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee met on Monday, August 2, 2010 at 7:00 PM. Present were Chairman Felix and Commissioners Prieber, Heilman, Rewa and Goldsmith. Also present were Manager Garvick, Police Chief Rhodes, Fire Chief Cromer, and Administrative Assistant Rodgers. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Prieber read the announcement of the executive session held following the Board of Commissioners meeting on July 19, 2010

<u>APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:</u> The minutes of the July 6, 2010 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: None.

HANOVER AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES: The Committee received a request dated June 3, 2010 from the Hanover Area Council of Churches to conduct their annual Crop Walk on October 17, 2010. Chief Rhodes reviewed the request and the route they will use. This is a yearly request. The Committee recommended approving the request.

<u>SOUTH WESTERN BAND BOOSTERS:</u> The Committee received a request dated July 14, 2010 from the South Western Band Boosters for use of the fire police and barricades for their annual Cavalcade of Bands competition on Saturday, October 30th. Chief Rhodes reviewed the request and noted this is a yearly request. The Fire Police have been contacted. The Committee recommended approving the event.

M.O.U. – CHILD ABDUCTION RESPONSE TEAM: Chief Rhodes reviewed the Memo of Understanding (MOU) between the York County District Attorney and local law enforcement agencies in conjunction with the York County Care Team. The York County Care team helps to recover missing/abducted children and the MOU will allow the implementation of multi-agency child abduction response efforts with cross jurisdictional enforcement allowing officers to participate in rescue efforts involving child abduction anywhere in York County. Chief Rhodes explained that if an abduction were to occur, there would also be an outreach by the county to contact retired officers to man phone banks for tips that may be called in. The group is attempting to achieve formal certification. The Committee recommended approving the memo.

<u>CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:</u> Manager Garvick reported that John Ernst's term on the Civil Service Commission will expire in August and suggested that the committee appoint someone at their August meeting. The Committee recommended reappointing Mr. Ernst.

<u>YORK AND CENTER STREET:</u> Manager Garvick reported that a Resolution would be on the agenda at the next Board of Commissioners meeting for the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Center and York Streets. The traffic signal design and Highway Occupancy Permit application have been submitted to PennDOT. The signal will be designed using video camera technology so that it performs more efficiently.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jeffrey R. Garvick, Manager

PENN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE SEPTEMBER 7, 2010

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee met on Monday, September 7, 2010 at 7:00 PM. Present were Chairman Felix and Commissioners Prieber, Heilman, and Rewa. Commissioner Goldsmith was absent with notice. Also present were Manager Garvick, Police Chief Rhodes, Fire Chief Cromer, Administrative Assistant Rodgers, Township Engineer Bortner, WWTP Superintendent Mahone and Highway Foreman Mahan. The following items were discussed:

<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS:</u> Commissioner Prieber read the announcement of the executive session held following the Board of Commissioners meeting on August 16, 2010.

<u>APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:</u> The minutes of the August 2, 2010 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: None.

<u>COMMONWEALTH LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSITANCE NETWORK:</u> Chief Rhodes reported that the agreement needs to be updated with the State Police to utilize the CLEAN/JNET program for the police department. The Committee recommended approving the request.

<u>HALLOWEEN:</u> The Committee recommended setting trick or treat for Tuesday, October 26, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Committee recommended approving a request dated August 15, 2010 from the Hanover Jaycees to conduct the annual Halloween parade on Thursday, October 28, 2010 from 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The rain date is Monday, November 1, 2010.

<u>PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISPOSAL PROGRAM:</u> Chief Rhodes reported that the Baltimore Street Giant Food Store is sponsoring a prescription drug and over the counter drug disposal program on September 25, 2010 from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The state police will be providing an officer to accept drugs that are dropped off. The Township will be providing an officer for security purposes.

HANOVER ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB: The Committee received a request dated August 5, 2010 for the Hanover Athletic Booster Club to conduct a 5K Race/ 1 mile fun run on Saturday, November 13, 2010. A small portion of the route will be through Penn Township. Chief Rhodes stated that no special permission was required. As long as they were not requesting police coverage or road closures they can utilize the road as any other pedestrians.

<u>P.T.V.E.S. SOLICITIATION:</u> Chief Cromer reported that the Penn Township Volunteer Emergency Services would be mailing out solicitation letters to all township homeowners. The volunteer fire companies used to do this annually but stopped when they consolidated in order to concentrate on their capital campaign for the new fire station.

GATEWAY HANOVER: Chief Cromer reported that when the plans were reviewed for the Gateway Shopping Center there were a few agreements made between Hanover Borough, Penn Township and the Gateway developer, including the preemption devices on the traffic signals. In Hanover Borough all business with a sprinkler system would hook into the Gamewell system at the Hanover Borough fire station. This alarm rings within the

station and allows the department to respond when a call comes in. However, for Penn it has been taking longer because of the time delay for the signal to be relayed to York County 911, which then sends the alarm back to the Penn Township fire station. Chief Cromer reported that he has looked into connecting the Borough alarm system into our Clover Lane station but it will be costly. It was suggested that the businesses in the Gateway Shopping Center be approached about helping to offset the costs. Those utilizing the Hanover Borough system pay a nominal fee each year to be connected. The Committee recommended that Chief Cromer pursue this project, which may also help reduce the cost of the fire insurance premiums for all the affected business owners.

INTER-COUNTY RADIO COMMUNICATIONS: Chief Cromer reported that he received notification from York County 911 stating that York County and Adams County would be able to completely communicate with each other effective today with mobile radios. Chief Cromer provided the Committee with pictures of the antenna adjacent to the communication tower and explained why there will be problems with York and Adams County communications on mutual aid calls because of the location of this antenna. Chief Cromer would like to attend the next county commissioners meeting to address the issue.

<u>FIRE PREVENTION PROGRAM:</u> Chief Cromer reported that the annual fire prevention program will be held at 10 AM at the Grandview Plaza Shopping Center on October 2, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jeffrey R. Garvick, Manager

PENN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE OCTOBER 4, 2010

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee met on Monday, October 4, 2010 at 7:00 PM. Present were Chairman Felix and Commissioners Prieber, Heilman, Goldsmith and Rewa. Also present were Manager Garvick, Deputy Police Chief Laughlin, and Fire Chief Cromer. The following items were discussed:

<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS:</u> Chairman Felix announced that an executive personnel session would be held immediately following the Finance Committee meeting. Commissioner Prieber than read the announcement of the executive session held following the Board of Commissioners meeting on September 20, 2010.

<u>APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:</u> The minutes of the September 7, 2010 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: None.

AGREEMENTS FOR ANIMAL CONTROL/HOUSING/CARE: Manager Garvick reported that the township is in receipt of the contracts from Hemler Animal Control Service and the SPCA of York County for 2011. Hemler's contract indicates a \$2/hr. increase while the SPCA agreement remains the same cost as 2010. The committee recommended approval of both contracts.

<u>2011 PROPOSED POLICE BUDGET:</u> D.C. Laughlin reviewed the proposed police department budget. The proposal includes the purchase of two (2) new .40 cal. pistols; a file sharing server; a license and workstation upgrade of the Alert system; replacement of a rooftop HVAC unit; four (4) new replacement vehicles.

<u>2011 PROPOSED FIRE BUDGET:</u> Chief Cromer reviewed the proposed fire department budget. The proposal includes a new small truck, which could either be used by the fire chief or the firemen in the exercise of their duties including the many commercial and business inspections they now perform. The budget also includes increases for additional repairs and maintenance to equipment.

<u>CIVIL SERVICE BOARD VACANCY:</u> Manager Garvick announced the resignation of Michael Dows from the civil service board effective October 15, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

PENN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE NOVEMBER 1, 2010

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee met on Monday, November 1, 2010 at 7:00 PM. Present were Chairman Felix and Commissioners Prieber, Heilman, Goldsmith and Rewa. Also present were Manager Garvick, Police Chief Rhodes, Fire Chief Cromer and Administrative Assistant Rodgers. The following items were discussed:

<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS:</u> Commissioner Prieber read the announcement of the executive session held following the Board of Commissioners meeting on October 18, 2010.

<u>APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:</u> The minutes of the October 4, 2010 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: None.

<u>POLICE BID CRUISER:</u> Chief Rhodes reported that he has spoken with Chief Whitson in Hanover Borough about competively bidding the new Penn police cruisers along with Hanover's. The Township utilized the state contract for the last two police car purchases. The Township could bid the vehicles and then decide not to purchase due to budget constraints. The Committee recommended proceeding with the bid to see how the prices come out.

<u>PROBATIONARY POLICE OFFICERS:</u> Chief Rhodes reported that Police Officers O'Brien and Steele have satisfactory completed their probationary period and recommended that they be promoted to patrolman status effective November 17, 2010. The Committee recommended approving the appointment.

<u>COMMUNICATION TOWERS:</u> Chief Cromer reported that new radio towers were installed in West Manheim Township and on the Hanover Hospital but they were taken off line along with the Iron Ridge tower for repairs and upgrades. The towers were put back online but only the Iron Ridge tower was deemed accepted by York County Control. Chief Cromer reported that he was told to check back at the end of the week to see if the other two towers had been accepted. There was some concern if this would help with the communications with Adams County emergency service. Chief Cromer stated that once the York County towers are accepted they will address the Adams County communications issues. Adams County will be on a different frequency than York County. The Adams County tower may be moved to the hospital to alleviate their communication problems.

FOAM TRAILER: Chief Cromer reported that he and Hanover Borough Fire Commissioner Roth have been working on getting a foam trailer for the Hanover area due to CSX railroad consolidating there services more in this area. The additional freight is suspected to be shipments comprised of hazardous material. Chief Cromer is concerned about this due to the closeness of the railroad tracks to businesses in the area and the lack of a foam trailer near the Township. Chief Cromer stated that they received a waiver to get a grant through homeland security, although the funds will not be available until 2012. There was some concern that CSX should be contacted about contributing because they are the reason we need to acquire the trailer. CSX stated that they are not hauling hazardous material through the area but Chief Cromer wants a study done of the material. He stated that the foam trailer would be used both in Adams and York County if needed to secure the grant. The trailer would be used the same as our current trucks are used on a mutual aid call.

<u>PROBATIONARY FIREFIGHTER:</u> Chief Cromer recommended that probationary firefighter Anthony Phillips be appointed to regular firefighter status. The Committee recommended the appointment.

<u>FIRE FIGHTER OVERSEAS</u>: Chief Cromer announced that volunteer firefighter Matt Lynd will be returning home within the next couple of weeks from Iraq. This will be his last tour of duty. There is still one volunteer firefighter serving oversees and he is due to return in several months.

<u>HANOVER BOROUGH AGREEMENT:</u> Commissioner Felix announced that the agreement with Hanover Borough for the fire chief's services has been prepared and will be adopted at the next Commissioners meeting.

<u>CIVIL SERVICE:</u> Manager Garvick reported that there is an opening on the Civil Service Commission and the Township has received an application for the position and expects to receive others.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

PENN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE DECEMBER 7, 2010

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee met on Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at 7:00 PM. Present were Chairman Felix and Commissioners Prieber, Heilman, Goldsmith and Rewa. Also present were Manager Garvick, Police Chief Rhodes, Fire Chief Cromer and Administrative Assistant Rodgers. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

<u>APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:</u> The minutes of the November 1, 2010 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: None.

<u>HENRY STREET:</u> The Committee received a request from Mrs. Robert Hemler for a waiver of the residential street light requirements at 55 Henry Street. This is a new home being built by Robert Hemler in an older development. He would like to install a light that does not meet the current ordinance but rather matches the pole lights in the neighborhood. The Committee recommended that the Mr. Hemler install a light that complies with the ordinance.

SCHOOL ZONES: Chief Rhodes reported that there are school zones designated at the locations of Granger Street and Bowman Road. Chief Rhodes reported that a citation was issued to a motorist entering Bowman Road from South Western Road for failure to observe the school zone area speed limit. The offender stated that she did not know that she was entering a school zone because there was no signage in the area where she accessed Bowman Road. The offender was found "not guilty" by the district magistrate. To correct the problem the police department added additional signage at the side streets adjacent to the zone. PennDOT requires notification that the governing body approves the additional signage. A letter has been prepared to notify PennDOT if the Committee recommends approval of the signs. The Committee recommended approving the signs at the next BOC meeting.

<u>CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:</u> Manager Garvick reported that there is currently a vacancy on the Civil Service Commission and there have been two applications submitted for the vacancy. He reported that he expects another vacancy to occur next summer as well. The Committee recommended interviewing the applicants prior to the January Public Safety meeting.

ZONING HEARING BOARD: Manager Garvick reported that Michael Brown's term on the Zoning Hearing Board will expire in January and that someone would need to be appointed following the January Zoning Hearing Board meeting. The Committee recommended reappointing Michael Brown at the December Commissioners meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,