

MINUTES  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
MARCH 6, 2017

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee convened on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 7:04 p.m. following the Board of Commissioners public meeting. Present were Chairman Felix and Commissioners Brown, Heilman, Klunk, and Van de Castle. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, Police Chief Laughlin, Fire Chief Cromer, Police Lieutenant Hettinger, and Township Secretary Hallett. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Felix announced an executive session to discuss personnel matters would be held following the Finance Committee meeting this evening.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the February 6, 2017 Public Safety Committee were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None.

SHREDDING RESOLUTION: Police Chief Laughlin provided the Committee with a list of police department items to be shredded. The Township shredding event will be held April 22, 2017 and the items will be shredded at that time. The Committee recommended approving the shredding resolution.

SERGEANT SHEARER'S PROBATIONARY PERIOD: Police Chief Laughlin reported Travis Shearer's probationary period will be completed on April 1, 2017. He sees no reason not to move him to fulltime status as a Sergeant. The Committee recommended approving the status change.

ST JOSEPH 5K: The Committee received a letter from the Saint Joseph Athletic Association requesting to hold their third annual 5K on May 13, 2017. Police Chief Laughlin said the majority of the run is through developments and off main roads. St. Joseph will notify residents about what's happening. Chief Laughlin will send them a letter.

ESAB TRAFFIC STUDY: Police Chief Laughlin reported a traffic study to bring ESAB into compliance was completed for Wilson Avenue and Karen Lane. The cost of installing the crosswalks will be \$1377.08 a piece, which is an estimate for equipment and labor. Commissioner Felix asked if there is already a crosswalk at Karen Lane. Chief Laughlin said there are crosswalks at both locations but we're not aware of who installed them. Commissioner Felix asked what has been done in the past when a business wants a crosswalk. Chief Laughlin said Smith-Kline and St. Joseph's both paid for their own. Commissioner Felix recommended notifying ESAB of the cost and giving them a timeframe to respond or the crosswalks will be removed. He asked that the letter be sent by Manager Rodgers and she said she will take care of it.

MEADOW LANE TRAFFIC STUDY: Police Chief Laughlin reported it was brought to his attention that there may be increased traffic coming off of Grandview Road onto residential streets due to the new Wellspan medical facility. He would like to proceed with a traffic study on Meadow Lane to see if stop signs may be needed. The Committee recommended moving forward with a traffic study.

PHYSICAL FITNESS TESTING: Police Chief Laughlin reported a Penn Township officer has been certified through Harrisburg Community College as a Physical Fitness Instructor. The South Western campus has agreed to let the police department use their facilities on April 1, 2017 and Chief Laughlin would like to work from the consortium list to complete physical fitness testing. Thirty possible candidates can be tested on that date. The Committee recommended moving forward with testing.

IN-CAR CAMERAS: Police Chief Laughlin reported there will be a demonstration of in-car cameras on March 14 at 4:00 p.m. He invited the Commissioners to attend the demonstration. It is scheduled to be in the police station parking lot but may be moved to the fire station if weather is bad.

CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela M. Hallett  
Township Secretary