

MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 6, 2017

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee convened on Monday, November 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Felix and Commissioners Brown, Heilman, Klunk, and Van de Castle. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, Police Chief Laughlin, Police Lieutenant Hettinger, Fire Chief Clouser, and Township Secretary Hallett. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Felix read the announcement of executive session that was held following the Board of Commissioners public meeting on October 16, 2017. Commissioner Felix announced an executive session to discuss personnel would be held following the Finance Committee meeting this evening.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the October 2, 2017 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: Ray Kinsey, 179 Northview Drive, asked about the street lights that were removed near his home. He said there were three lights at the corner of Northview Drive and Arwco Drive; one in front of 102, 104, and 179. He said the light in front of 102 Northview was left on but it isn't the most effective position because it's not at the intersection. Commissioner Klunk said the street lights were discussed over several months in 2016, beginning in August. He explained that the Township is trying to provide one light per intersection. Intersections with multiple lights are being removed so that unlit intersections in the Township can be lit. He said the Commissioners may be able to look at the position of the lights near Mr. Kinsey's house.

PHYSICAL AGILITY TESTING UPDATE: Police Chief Laughlin reported that eight candidates passed the physical agility test with no problems. They are working on completing background checks and will soon have a list for the Civil Service Commission to certify.

FIRE TRUCK UPDATE: Fire Chief Clouser said Captains Adams and Boyce along with Firefighter Kopp were in Wisconsin for the prebuild meeting of the new fire truck. They reviewed the setup of the truck and did a rendering of the paint scheme and graphics. Change orders in the amount of \$2,900 were presented. The truck will go to the assembly line in February and be delivered in mid-May.

BUDGET DISCUSSION: Police Chief Laughlin said he's happy with the 2018 budget as it's been presented. He explained that the expenses are higher than last year due to the purchase of three vehicles and an increase in pension.

Fire Chief Clouser said he's still waiting on some final numbers for various insurance policies but he's overall content with the budget as it's been presented. He said the Hanover Area Fire and Rescue Commission will need to approve the budget

before he can get final numbers to the Township and the Borough. Commissioner Felix asked if the Commission is planning to hire three new people. Chief Clouser said the budget includes three new hires but this hasn't been approved by the Fire Commission yet. Commissioner Brown pointed out that there is a \$162,501 increase over the 2017 Emergency Services budget. Manager Rodgers said there are three possible budgets, depending on whether the Volunteers and EMS join the Fire Commission and she used the higher of the options to budget. Commissioner Klunk said the Township budget includes fire hydrant rental and the Fire Commission budget doesn't. He said the first budget for the Fire Commission will be the hardest because there are so many variables. Commissioner Heilman said the amount in the 2018 draft budget is adequate and the Fire Commission budget should not exceed it.

OTHER MATTERS: Police Chief Laughlin shared a note of appreciation from Buckle Up PA. The police department is no longer a part of the program but they participated while working and it was appreciated.

Fire Chief Clouser reported that the damaged ladder truck is at Glick's. While it's there they'll perform the State inspection and annual service. The repairs to the ladder will begin on November 8, 2017.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela M. Hallett
Township Secretary