

MINUTES  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
JANUARY 4, 2016.

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee met on Monday, January 4, 2016 at 7:15 P.M. following the Board of Commissioners reorganization 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, and Township Secretary Hallett. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the December 15, 2015 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None

UPDATE ON HIRING OF PROBATIONARY OFFICER: Police Chief Laughlin reported that a conditional offer was extended to Juliann Celich and she accepted. Her psychological exam was administered on December 29, 2015 and the results are pending. Once the official results are in we can move forward. Chief Laughlin gave Ms. Celich a tentative start date of February 1, 2016 as long as everything is ok.

UPDATE ON SERGEANT'S PROMOTIONAL EXAM: Chief Laughlin reported that after administering the sergeant's exam there are four individuals who will need to be given an oral exam by the Chiefs. Three Chiefs will be selected from within York County to give the oral exam and then the results will be presented to the Civil Service Commission.

UPDATE ON AERIAL TRUCK: Fire Chief Cromer reported that the aerial truck was broken down last month with an initial repair cost of \$75,000. The bill came in at approximately \$13,000. This repair left the truck out of service for one month. During this time the aerial truck in Hanover Borough also broke down on a Sunday. Due to the determination of a couple of individuals the parts were able to be located on a Sunday and the truck was able to be put back in service. During 2015 repairs for Penn Township's truck cost close to \$45,000. As previously reported, these trucks start to cost quite a bit of money in repairs around fifteen years and our aerial truck is fifteen or sixteen years old. Chief Cromer is less concerned with the cost of repairs than the time the truck is out of use for each repair.

Commissioner Felix did not believe that tonight was a good night to begin discussion on purchasing a new truck. He does want to discuss it during February's Public Safety meeting. He would like Chief Cromer to prepare an approximate cost of purchasing a new truck as well as information on the life expectancy of the current aerial truck.

Commissioner Heilman asked if there is any contingency plan for coverage if the aerial truck stops working. Chief Cromer stated that we could use mutual aid with a

neighboring volunteer fire company. Without putting any services down, Chief Cromer wanted the Board to be aware that volunteer companies are not guaranteed to show up in the event that aid is requested.

Commissioner Van de Castle asked when Hanover Borough's new aerial truck will arrive. Chief Cromer reported that it is here but not yet in service.

APPOINTMENT OF FIRE POLICE CAPTAIN: Chief Cromer presented for the Committee's consideration his recommendation of Fred Ayers for Fire Police Captain.

PROPOSED STOP SIGN AT SONNY AND NANCY STREETS: Manager Rodgers reported on a traffic study covering the intersection of Nancy Street at Sonny Street. There is currently not a stop sign at this location because at the time the development was created there were only two drive ways coming out on to Sonny Street just West of Nancy Street. Since then the Mustang Heights development has been approved. The traffic study is calling for this stop sign and this would be a good time to install it because the improvements for Mustang Heights are currently being constructed and trucks are flying out of the development without stopping at Nancy which is likely lead to a vehicle collision. This was caught by the Engineer when he was out inspecting and then Assistant to the Engineer Garrett performed the study. Commissioner Klunk asked if the tree is in the right-of-way, but it is not. There were no objections to adding the stop sign.

OTHER MATTERS: Chief Laughlin requested to meet with the Board of Commissioners in an executive session following the Finance Committee meeting. Commissioner Felix approved the request.

CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS: None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Township Secretary