

MINUTES  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 1, 2016

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee convened on Monday, February 1, 2016 at 7:07 P.M. following the Board of Commissioners meeting. Present were Chairman Felix and Commissioners Klunk, Brown, Van de Castle, and Heilman. 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 January 4, 2016 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None

REQUEST TO HOLD THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE: Chief Laughlin read a letter dated January 16, 2016 from the Allied Veterans Council of Hanover requesting to hold their annual Memorial Day Parade on May 30, 2016. Dan Davies is the Chief Marshal for the parade and wrote a letter requesting that traffic be stopped at 7:00 A.M. along the parade route. Commissioner Felix asked if any Board members would like to attend the parade and accept the flag on behalf of the Township. Commissioner Heilman is willing to do it but would prefer that a veteran attend if possible. It will be further discussed prior to the parade. Mr. Felix complimented the Veterans Council for the great job that they do on the parade each year. The Committee recommended approving the parade.

YWCA REQUEST TO HOLD RACE AGAINST RACISM 5K: Chief Laughlin read a letter dated January 14, 2016 from the YWCA requesting to hold their second annual Race Against Racism 5K on Saturday, April 30, 2016. It will start on the York County Rail Trail in Hanover at 8:30 A.M. and cross over Wilson Avenue and Barnhart Drive in Penn Township. Chief Laughlin noted that there were no problems or traffic issues during the 5K last year. The YWCA provides volunteers outfitted in yellow safety vests to slow traffic where necessary. They also provided warning signs last year that helped warn drivers about the runners. Police Chief Laughlin will send the standard letter.

SWEARING IN OF FIRE POLICE CAPTAIN: Chief Cromer swore Fred Ayers in as Fire Police Captain. Commissioner Felix stated that the Fire Police do not get the attention that they should and thanked Mr. Ayers for his willingness to serve in this way.

AERIAL TRUCK UPDATE: Chief Cromer reported that the aerial truck was returned on December 22, 2015 from its last repair and it broke down again last week. This time it is the motor and the mechanic believes it is the head gasket and possibly a rod. The repair for the head gasket will cost around \$25,000 and will take around three weeks. Chief Cromer is concerned with the age of the truck and the long term cost of

repairs. He is willing to do a cost analysis but asked the Committee if they are interested in replacing the truck before he spends the time preparing an analysis. Commissioner Felix asked how long it would take to put a new truck in service if the Committee were to decide to proceed with purchasing one. Chief Cromer responded that it would take around sixteen months.

Commissioner Felix asked if the Committee would like to proceed with a cost analysis. Commissioner Heilman asked what it would cost and where the money will come from. Chief Cromer said that the truck we have now can be sold for enough to make at least two years worth of payments on a new truck. The total cost of the aerial truck that Hanover Borough just purchased was \$1.2 million. Commissioner Felix suggested that a new truck be financed rather than purchased in cash. Commissioner Heilman recommended that Chief Cromer write the specs and get bids to be reviewed prior to making a decision. Commissioner Van de Castle believes we should move forward with looking at a new truck. Commissioner Brown would like to see Chief Cromer's cost analysis. Commissioner Klunk asked if we would be purchasing the same truck or getting a different one. Chief Cromer stated that we would want to look at a one hundred foot truck. He would not feel comfortable purchasing the same truck that we have now for numerous reasons. There are different types of aerial trucks available and we would not necessarily need the same one that the Borough purchased. It would be similar with a ladder and basket. Chief Cromer noted that the market is very erratic when it comes to aerial trucks. It will depend on how busy manufacturers are as to whether or not they will even bid for us. Commissioner Klunk stated that it's time to start moving on this because our truck is just getting older the longer we wait. The Board discussed cost and payment options. Chief Cromer will go ahead with preparing a cost analysis.

INTERSECTION OF SONNY STREET AND NANCY STREET: Manger Rodgers reported that there are no further updates at this time. The property owner has not contacted the Township and the Solicitor has not shared an opinion yet. Commissioner Klunk stated that he can relate to the property owner's because he also lives near a stub street and will eventually have trees on his property that need to be removed. Chief Laughlin stated that the stop sign is in place and there is not adequate sight distance at this time. The problem needs to be corrected before the development is constructed. The Board discussed the tree removal and decided to wait for further information.

UPDATE ON FIRE MERGER MEETING: Manager Rodgers reported that she met with Hanover Borough and the Consolidation Committee on January 28, 2016 to discuss the possible merger of fire departments. At the conclusion of the meeting it was decided that the Manager of Hanover Borough, Fire Chief Cromer, and Manager Rodgers will get together in the next month to develop an agreement to be reviewed by the Committee. If the Committee approves of the agreement it will then be forwarded to both municipalities for approval. The process should be concluded by May or June. Commissioner Klunk expressed concern that the volunteer firefighters be kept informed on the process. Chief Cromer stated that all meeting minutes are posted in the stations

for review. Commissioner Heilman acknowledged that Mr. Brough was present in the audience and is a member of the Fire Consolidation Committee.

OTHER MATTERS: Commissioner Van de Castle informed Chief Cromer that there is a fire hydrant at Beckmill and Clover Lane that is covered by snow. Chief Cromer stated that he does not have the staff to clear all of the fire hydrants. They clear the major ones and then others intermittently.

CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS: None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela M. Hallett  
Township Secretary