

MINUTES  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 6, 2023

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee convened on Monday, February 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Elksnis and Commissioners Allison, Brown and Heiland. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, Police Chief Hettinger, Fire Chief Clouser, Township Engineer Bortner, Zoning Officer Smith, and Township Secretary Sweeney. Commissioner Berlingo was present via cellphone. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Elksnis announced there was an executive session held following the January 16, 2023, Penn Township Board of Commissioners Meeting to discuss personnel and legal issues. He also announced that there will be an executive session held following the Public Works Committee Meeting this evening to discuss personnel matters.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the January 3, 2023, Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: Ms. Elizabeth Caralyus, 21 O'Neill Avenue, expressed concerns about speeding on O'Neill Avenue. Police Chief Hettinger addressed her concerns and stated that they will post the electronic speeding sign along with additional patrols.

DISCUSS AMENDING ORDINANCE 590 (SKATEBOARDS AND ROLLERBLADES): Police Chief Hettinger reported Ordinance 590 was passed in October 2002 and specifically deals with rollerblades and skateboards. He is proposing to amend the ordinance adding electrically assisted pedestrian transporters such as but not limited to, electrically powered scooters, skateboards, one wheels, self-balancing seg-ways, unicycles, hoverboards, roller blades and similar devices. This would not include e-bikes as they are governed by state law. The amended ordinance has been reviewed by the solicitor. The Committee recommended adopting the ordinance.

POLICE DEPARTMENT FURNACE REPLACEMENT: Police Chief Hettinger reported a new furnace has been installed and thanked the Public Works Department for their assistance.

24<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL DRUG TAKE BACK DAY: Police Chief Hettinger reported the Annual National Drug Take Back Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 22, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This year they will be coordinating with Conewago Township who will host the event. Penn Township will be sending one officer to the event and will not result in any over-time.

REVIEW OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING: Fire Chief Clouser reported on events at the last Fire Commission meeting. He reported that they recognized the voting

members, Penn Township Commissioners Brown and Elksnis, alternate Allison and Hanover Borough Council members Reichert and Lockhart, alternate Kress. Volunteer representatives are Spielman and Otis, alternate Kinsey. The Commission is currently pursuing a candidate for the vacant seat of member at large. The Committee members remained the same. The Finance Committee approved a third EMS unit, strictly for basic life support for Monday through Friday during peak hours and adopted the 2023 Fire Commission budget. The Facilities and Apparatus Committee approved the repair to the gas leak at the downtown station. They also approved the purchase of a new Pierce Pumper Truck for 1.57 million and delivery is expected to take place in about 24-36 months. He reported that EMS has had an increase in calls and has turned a small profit. He reported that the Commission agreed to hold all Fire Commission Meetings at the Clover Lane Station. He reported that the agility test for new candidates will take place on Saturday at the Clover Lane Station, he added there are 20 candidates.

EMA UPDATE: Emergency Management Coordinator Waltman submitted his January report. He added he is near completion of the GIS address update and will soon submit the report to York County.

OTHER MATTERS: Police Chief Hettinger reported that Officer Zech will end probation on March 11, 2023. He added that he and Probationary Officer Perone are doing very well on the job.

CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEE REGARDING DISCUSSION ITEMS: There were none.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Sweeney,  
Township Secretary