

MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
APRIL 5, 2021

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee convened on Monday, April 5, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. via an online meeting. Present were Chairman Brown and Commissioners Black, Cromer, Elksnis, and Heiland. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, Police Chief Hettinger, Fire Chief Clouser, Township Engineer Bortner, Public Works Supervisor Ortman, Zoning Officer Smith and Township Secretary Sweeney. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Brown announced there was an executive session held following the March 15, 2021, Penn Township Board of Commissioners Meeting to discuss personnel and legal issues. Chairman Brown announced there will be an executive session following the Public Works Committee meeting.

Commissioner Brown read a summary of the online public meeting guidelines.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the March 1, 2021, Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: There were none.

UPDATE ON POLICE VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS: Police Chief Hettinger reported he received notice the equipment that was on order for the new vehicle has arrived, and they are waiting on the vehicle for installation. Chief Hettinger added that he has also received pricing for the next scheduled replacement, a truck, and equipment will be ordered shortly. The delivery of the truck is expected to be twelve to sixteen weeks.

HANOVER SCHOOL DISTRICT MOU: Police Chief Hettinger reported that he received the agreement and is similar to the agreement received in 2019. The committee had no objections.

HANOVER YMCA HALF MARATHON AND 5K: Police Chief Hettinger reported that he received a letter from the Hanover YMCA requesting permission to conduct a half marathon and 5K to be held on Saturday, October 2, 2021. He added he received a request from Flagger's Force for Young's Road to be closed during the marathon. The committee was against the closure of Young's Road, but had no objections to the marathon and 5K. Police Chief Hettinger will send them a letter.

REVIEW OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING: Fire Chief Clouser reported that at the last Fire Commission Meeting review of reports and approvals took place. Sixty-seven percent of career staff has been vaccinated. Chief Clouser reported the Fire Commission would like to move to in person meetings. The Committee will discuss during the executive session.

EMA UPDATE: EMA Coordinator Waltman reviewed his March report.

EMERGENCY DECLARATION EXTENSION: Manager Rodgers reported the Emergency Declaration began on March 16, 2020, and has been extended thus far. The committee agreed to extend the Emergency Declaration through April 12, 2021.

OTHER MATTERS: Police Chief Hettinger reported that Officer Carbaugh has expressed that he plans to retire sometime in July.

CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEE REGARDING DISCUSSION ITEMS: Kara Stultz, 6 Scott Street, wished to speak regarding the issue at 4 Scott Street. Commissioner Heiland requested that she wait until the Public Works meeting as the subject is on the agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Sweeney,
Township Secretary