

MINUTES  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
JULY 1, 2019

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee convened on Monday, July 1, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Brown and Commissioners Heiland, and Klunk. Commissioner Van de Castle was present via cell phone. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, Police Lieutenant Merwede, Fire Chief Clousher, Township Engineer Bortner, Zoning Officer Smith and Township Secretary Sweeney. Commissioner Felix was absent with notice. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Brown read the announcement of executive session that was held following the June 17, 2019 Penn Township Board of Commissioners' meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the June 3, 2019 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: Marybeth Norton, 5 O'Neill Avenue, stated that there has been an individual pacing up and down the street, sleeping in a vacant lot, and leaving trash behind. Police Lieutenant Merwede stated that the department is familiar with the individual, and instructed the resident to contact the police department.

DISCUSSION OF HIRING A POLICE OFFICER: The Police Department is in the process of filling a vacancy on the police force. After some discussion the Committee recommended with moving forward to fill the vacancy.

SOUTH WESTERN SCHOOL DISTRICT MOU: Police Lt. Merwede stated that the department received a Memorandum of Understanding from South Western School District. This document is similar to agreements that have been received in the past. The Committee had no objections, and recommended moving forward with the agreement.

2019 HAWK HUSTLE 5K AND 1 MILE FUN WALK: The Committee received a letter dated May 20, 2019, from Hanover High School Athletic Booster Club informing the township of a 5k race and 1 mile run/walk on Saturday, November 9, 2019. Police Chief Hettinger will send them a letter.

MOORE DRIVE TRAFFIC CONCERNS: Police Lt. Merwede reported that there have been more patrol details along Moore Drive, and cited one driver at twelve miles over the speed limit. A speed box will be put in place once box is repaired. There will be increased patrols once the school session begins. David Tucker, 194 Jasmine Drive, stated that he has noticed increased officers. He stated that he is fearful when walking his dog and very concerned that the speeding along Moore Drive is an accident waiting to happen. Mr. Tucker suggested speed bumps, more speed limit signs, along with advertisements in the newspaper, and announcements made at school for awareness.

Manager Rodgers stated that a traffic study was completed when the development was planned and the appropriate signage has already been put in place.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICER ROSTER PROGRAM: A \$50,000 Grant has been made available for York County Police Departments to assist with training and overtime reimbursement for drug enforcement work completed for drugs excluding marijuana.

RIPPLE DRIVE EXIT FOR FIRE STATION: Fire Chief Clouser reported that Engineer Bortner had a chance to review the plans and cost for the Ripple Drive exit from J.A. Myers. After some discussion the Committee recommended moving forward.

DISCUSSION OF DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF POSITION: Fire Chief Clouser requested consideration of hiring a Deputy Fire Chief. This position would work along with Fire Chief Clouser in the managerial aspect. After some discussion the Committee requested a job description, and would like to make a decision in August for budgetary reasons.

OTHER MATTERS:

Fire Chief Clouser reported that the annual Liberty Day Race has been eliminated, however there is now a race/walk on the rail trail which will cross over Wilson in the Industrial area. Manager Rodgers questioned if this was approved by the York County Rail Trail Authority.

Manager Rodgers reported that Firefighter Parks has resigned effective July 4, 2019. The Committee recommended Fire Chief Clouser move forward with finding a replacement.

Police Lt. Merwede reported the department received a MOU from the ATF for the ETrace Program. This program enables the department to trace firearms on a wider scale. This program is at no cost to the department. Manager Rodgers will forward to the solicitor for review. The Committee had no objections.

Commissioner Klunk met with the Fire Commission in regards to work to be done at the fire stations through ESG regarding energy issues. They are to forward a document to Fire Chief Clouser, that should be reviewed by the solicitor.

Comissioner Klunk stated that do not enter and no left turn signage is missing at the Rutter's store. Engineer Bortner stated that the land development plans would have the original placement.

CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEE REGARDING DISCUSSION ITEMS: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Sweeney  
Township Secretary