

MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee convened on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Elksnis, Commissioners Berlingo, Brown and Heiland. Also present were Police Chief Hettinger, Fire Chief Clouser, Township Engineer Bortner, Zoning Officer Smith, WWTP Superintendent Lank and Township Secretary Sweeney. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Elksnis announced there was an executive session held following the August 21, 2023, Penn Township Board of Commissioners Meeting to discuss personnel and consult with the solicitor on legal matters. Commissioner Heiland announced that there will be an executive session this evening to discuss personnel matters.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the August 7, 2023, Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: There were none.

ANNUAL SPCA AGREEMENT FOR 2024: Police Chief Hettinger reported that he received the annual agreement for the SPCA. The contract is identical to years past, except the \$4,411.00 increase due to the rise in population reported in the 2020 census. The Committee recommended approving the agreement.

REVIEW OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING: Fire Chief Clouser reported that The Pennsylvania Economy League presented the board with a feasibility study on the Fire Commission and the Commissioners should have received a copy. The results reported in favor of the Fire Commission and made suggestions for moving forward. Chief Clouser reported that at the end of June the income was at 70.6% and the expenses on target at 56.2%. The Finance Committee approved the replacement of the Fire Chief's vehicle. The volunteer company presented the keys to the 2023 Ford Pickup that they donated to the Fire Commission.

INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE APPEALS BOARD: Fire Chief Clouser reported that the 2015 International Fire Code was adopted in 2019. Section 108 establishes a Board of Appeals as a method for grievances to be heard before experienced personnel. Chief Clouser stated that he is an ex officio member of the board as Fire Chief. The board must consist of volunteers. Chief Clouser asked if the Board must be comprised of Penn Township residents. Commissioner Heiland recommended contacting the solicitor for an answer and a resolution establishing the board.

EMA UPDATE: Emergency Management Coordinator Waltman submitted his August report. He reported that he attended a tour of the Wastewater Treatment Plant for a hazard vulnerability

assessment with a member from the York South Central Task Force from Homeland Security for an assessment of the security of the Plant. A confidential report is forthcoming.

OTHER MATTERS: There were none.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Sweeney,
Township Secretary