

MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 1, 2021

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee convened on Monday, November 1, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. 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, Zoning Officer Smith, and Township Secretary Sweeney. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Brown announced there was an executive session held following the October 18, 2021, Board of Commissioners Meeting to discuss personnel and legal issues. Chairman Brown announced there will be an executive session held this evening following the Public Works Committee meeting.

Chairman Brown thanked Commissioner Heiland and Commissioner Elksnis for their participation, and Police Chief Hettinger, Fire Chief Clouser and Emergency Management Coordinator Jeff Waltman for their work on the Hanover Halloween Parade.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the October 4, 2021, Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: There were none.

KLUGH ANIMAL CONTROL 2022 AGREEMENT: Police Chief Hettinger reported he received the Klugh Animal Control Agreement for 2022. He stated there is no change except for a slight price increase. The Committee recommended approving the agreement.

HAWK HUSTLE: Police Chief Hettinger reported he received a letter dated October 4, 2021 from the Hanover Athletic Booster Club informing the Township they are hosting their annual Hawk Hustle on November 13, 2021. The route is the same as it has been in the past, and they are not requesting any road closures. Chief Hettinger stated there have been no problems with the event in the past. The Committee recommended Chief Hettinger to send a letter.

ORDERING TWO POLICE UTILITY VEHICLES: Police Chief Hettinger reported the F150 vehicle that has been on order has been upgraded from a 2021 to a 2022 model due to the extended delivery time, there will be no cost difference. He asked the Committee for permission to order the two Police Utility vehicles that have been included in the 2022 budget now due to the sixteen-week lead time. The Committee requested Chief Hettinger to wait until after further discussion at the November 9, 2021 budget finance meeting.

YORK COUNTY SAFETY COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT: Police Chief Hettinger reported the York County Chiefs of Police are organizing a collaboration to apply for grants and organize fundraising for the coordination of shared services, purchasing and training. Each participating municipality will need to sign the agreement. The Committee recommended approving the agreement.

REVIEW OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING: Fire Chief Clouser reported the Fire Commission is moving in the right direction and there is not much to report. Chief Clouser added that he and Fire Commissioner Chairman Elsner met with administration from Hanover Hospital to discuss the ambulance wait times. They have documented wait times for up to six hours. The problem it creates is that if the units are held waiting at the hospital, the commission has to rely on neighboring stations that are further away and may not offer the same amount of care. The Commission is currently developing a policy that will allow the hospital forty-five minutes to find a bed, if not our EMS will unload the patient, give the hospital a document, and leave the patient in the care of the hospital.

EMA UPDATE: EMA Coordinator Waltman reviewed his October report. EMA Waltman added that COVID-19 cases are up in the area. The Halloween Parade went well. EMA Waltman and Chief Clouser will be more heavily involved with the planning process of the Halloween Parade in the future. EMA Waltman commended Chief Clouser and the emergency personnel that reported to the accident with the diesel spill on Broadway. DEP representative will be meeting with himself, Engineer Bortner and Mr. Frank Elsner, the property owner regarding the spill.

OTHER MATTERS: Police Chief Hettinger reported there are issues with the traffic light at Wirt Avenue, traffic cannot turn left, causing a backup on Baltimore Street. Sam Garman, traffic signal specialist found that there is an issue with the location of the camera. Tractor trailers traveling through block the view of the camera, therefore not picking up traffic on Wirt Avenue quickly enough. The committee recommended moving forward with moving the camera.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Sweeney,
Township Secretary