

MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 7, 2022

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee convened on Monday, November 7, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Elksnis and Commissioners Allison, Berlingo, and Brown. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, Police Chief Hettinger, Fire Chief Clouser, Township Engineer Bortner, Zoning Officer Smith, and Township Secretary Sweeney. Commissioner Heiland was absent with notice. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Elksnis announced there was an executive session held following the November 1, 2022, Health and Sanitation Committee Meeting to discuss personnel and legal issues.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the October 3, 2022, Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: There were none.

2023 KLUGH ANIMAL CONTROL AGREEMENT: Police Chief Hettinger reported he received the 2023 Klugh Animal Control Agreement. He stated that the contract offers the same service as in the past, however there are some price changes that include for evening, Wednesday, and Sunday calls, return to owner fee and for mileage. Chief Hettinger stated that they have been happy with the service and the past. The Committee recommended approving the agreement.

SOUTH WESTERN SCHOOL DISTRICT VIDEO MOU: Police Chief Hettinger reported that the school has video monitoring equipment and the ability to view that equipment remotely. He stated that he has received a Memorandum of Understanding from South Western School District and the township solicitor has reviewed the document and suggested a few revisions. He is currently waiting for the School District's approval. The Committee recommended approving the agreement.

REVIEW OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING: Fire Chief Clouser reported at the last Fire Commission Meeting there was discussion of the importance of keeping the hiring list up to date, the Commission was presented with an EMS standby agreement, and the Commission is in the process of looking at billing for consumables to recoup the costs. Chief Clouser also reported that they are currently using the 2015 International Fire Code. He reported the state is using the 2018 Building and UCC Code and was going to recommend an ordinance to adopt the 2018 International Fire Code, which also includes information regarding food trucks, however he has just received word that the state is looking to adopt the 2021 Building and UCC Code. He would like additional time to verify the information prior to taking any action. Manager Rodgers stated that she thought it was stated in the current ordinance that it would automatically move to the new codes. Chief Clouser stated that he believes it does but thinks it only applies to

the UCC Code. She asked if that was something that he would like to be included in the next ordinance. Chief Clousher stated that would be good to include.

EMA UPDATE: Emergency Management Coordinator Waltman reviewed his October report. He also reported that the Halloween Parade was executed successfully. He stated that going forward he would like to be included in the permitting process for special events to be able to place emergency plans in place. He also reported that there will be a demonstration of temporary barrier structures on December 7, at 10 a.m. at the Clover Lane Fire Station. He also reported that two local churches have approached him to be considered as temporary shelters for emergencies, and one church is working on putting together comfort packages.

OTHER MATTERS: Chairman Elksnis reported that the Fire Commission has approval to keep the firefighter hiring list up to date. He also asked Fire Chief Clousher to provide an update to the Committee on the repairs for the 2015 hook and ladder truck. Chief Clousher reported the aerial ladder was drifting, and there was some damage to the basket. While being repaired it was discovered that several other repairs were necessary, the cost of repairs escalated quickly from \$10,000 to about \$30,000.

Commissioner Brown reported there is an issue of a vehicle parking in front of a fire hydrant on Overlook Drive. The township does not own the road; therefore, the police cannot enforce the no parking. Fire Chief Clousher will investigate the situation.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Sweeney,
Township Secretary