MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
JANUARY 3, 2023

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee convened on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, 8:04 p.m., following the Health & Sanitation Committee Meeting. Present were Chairman Elksnis and Commissioners Allison, Berlingo, Brown and Heiland. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, Police Chief Hettinger, Fire Chief Clousher, Township Engineer Bortner, WWTP Superintendent Lank, Zoning Officer Smith, and Township Secretary Sweeney. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Elksnis congratulated Penn Township's newest Police Academy Graduate, Officer Connor Perone.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the December 5, 2022, Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: Mr. John Dowell, 1293 Grandview Road, had comments regarding truck traffic and speeding along Grandview Road. Police Chief Hettinger stated that the issue is being addressed. Mr. Robert Gunnarsson, 48 Cardinal Road, had questions regarding left turn arrows along several roads within the Township. Police Chief Hettinger stated that this would be a decision of Penn DOT.

STRENGTH UNITED CROSSFIT 5K: Police Chief Hettinger reported he received a request dated December 5, 2022, from Strength United CrossFit to hold a 5K fundraiser for Multiple System Atrophy on Saturday, March 25, 2023, at 9 a.m. to approximately 10 a.m. The race is similar to last year's request, and runs along portions of Center Street, Wilson Avenue and Old Ridge Road. They are not requesting any road closures and have volunteers in place for flagging. The Committee had no issues and asked Chief Hettinger to send a letter.

YORK COUNTY M.D.C. AGREEMENT: Police Chief Hettinger reported The York County Mobile Data Computer Service Agreement has been reviewed by our solicitor. This is for the officers to run registration checks from their cars. He stated this is a five-year contract and is already in the budget. The Committee recommended approving the agreement.

REVIEW OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING: Fire Chief Clousher reported on events at the last Fire Commission meeting. He submitted the executive assistant's resignation, and salary adjustments were made to compensate for delegating responsibilities of this position. A part-time assistant has been hired, saving two to five thousand on the budget due to this adjustment. Hanover Area Volunteer Fire and Rescue has offered to purchase a utility truck for approximately $59,000. Facilities and Apparatus Committee discussed purchasing a new pumper truck. Our current pumper truck is nearly twenty years old, and this will affect the ISO rating. A new truck will cost approximately 1.1 million, and there is a 24–30-month lead time. The company would lock in the price and

would require a 10% down payment. He reported they are updating the RFP for sprinkler systems for two stations in the Borough. They have obtained a grant from FEMA for $142,000, with a 10% match from the Fire Commission to do the project. Santa Event through the Township went well, and the comments were well received. Commissioner Brown reported that the Fire Chief has moved employment from Hanover Borough to the Fire Commission.

EMA UPDATE: Emergency Management Coordinator Waltman submitted his December report.

OTHER MATTERS: Manager Rodgers reported she received a request from York County for a contact for the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. Commissioner Heiland suggested appointing Emergency Management Coordinator Jeffrey Waltman. The Committee recommended the appointment.

CITIZEN'S QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEE REGARDING DISCUSSION ITEMS: Mr. Jack Corriere, 114 Oak Hill Drive, had questions regarding the pumper truck and the ISO rating. Fire Chief Clousher addressed his questions. Mr. William Bowman, 123 Oak Hill Drive, had comments regarding the notification of Santa. Fire Chief Clousher stated next year they hope to have a GPS app with on time notifications.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Sweeney,
Township Secretary