

MINUTES  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
MARCH 7, 2022

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Vice-Chairman Elksnis announced that there will be an executive session held following the Public Works Committee meeting this evening to discuss personnel matters.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the February 7, 2022, Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: There were none.

STRENGTH UNITED CROSSFIT 5K FUNDRAISER: Police Chief Hettinger reported the Committee received a letter dated February 13, 2022, from Strength United CrossFit requesting to hold a 5K fundraiser for Multiple System Atrophy on Saturday, March 26, 2022, from 9 a.m. to approximately 10 a.m. The race would run along portions of Center Street, Ridge Avenue and Wilson Avenue. 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.

SOUTH WESTERN SCHOOL DISTRICT 5K RACE: Police Chief Hettinger reported the Committee received a letter dated February 25, 2022, from South Western School District requesting to hold a 5K race on Saturday, May 7, 2022. They are requesting to close Bowman Road from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a. m., as they have done in the past. They will be reaching out to the Fire Commission to request assistance from the Township Fire Police. The Committee had no issues and asked Chief Hettinger to send a letter.

SAINT JOSEPH'S 5K: Police Chief Hettinger reported the Committee received a letter from Saint Joseph Catholic School requesting to hold a 5K fundraiser on Saturday, May 7, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The request is the same as in the past. The Committee had no issues and asked Chief Hettinger to send a letter.

NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY: Police Chief Hettinger reported he received notification from the York Opioid Collaborative that the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 2022. He said the event went well last year when it was held at the Clover Lane Fire Station, and would like to do the same for this year. Chief Hettinger stated that there will be no scheduled over-time for this event. The Committee had no issues.

REVIEW OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING: Fire Chief Clouser reported that the Fire Commission approved the advertising for the job position for the Business Manager. They have received approximately thirty-five applications, and the Commission's Personnel Committee will conduct the interviews.

EMA UPDATE: EMA Coordinator Waltman reviewed his February report. EMA Waltman reported he is receiving updates to the list of hazardous chemicals in the county. This list is composed of local businesses that have reported to have reached a certain threshold of hazardous chemicals. This list is then provided to 911, along with manufacturer and emergency response information. He then reported that with the current unstable global events, everyone should consider to assemble an emergency survival kit. Suggested items can be found at [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov). EMA Waltman also reported that the York County Department of Emergency Services sent communications out to local municipalities that work has begun on their next generation 911 project. Ninety percent of the next generation 911 runs off of geographical information system mapping data (GIS), which is a cloud-based system. He reported that he is assisting York County with validating the address information. He has completed the Borough of Hanover, and is now working on Penn Township.

OTHER MATTERS: Commissioner Elksnis stated he had heard that there will be a memorial service held this weekend and asked Chief Clouser to inform the Committee of the details. Fire Chief Clouser explained that about six-years ago there was a line of duty death, Earl Shoemaker died while responding to a call in West Manheim. The volunteer services will be holding a service to commemorate the anniversary of this death at Mount Olivet Cemetery this Saturday at 9 a.m.

Manager Rodgers reported she had heard a rumor that the Hanover Area Chamber of Commerce is in talks to hold the Snack Town Brewfest event at The Markets at Hanover this year. She stated she had reached out to the Chamber and informed them that they will need to obtain a variance or special exception, as this is not an allowed use for the location. Chief Clouser stated that he received an email from the Borough of Hanover today that they have applied for a permit for the use Moul Field as a backup plan.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Sweeney,  
Township Secretary