

MINUTES  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
MARCH 6, 2023

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee convened on Monday, March 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Elksnis and Commissioners Allison, 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. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Elksnis announced there was an executive session held following the February 20, 2023, Penn Township Board of Commissioners Meeting to discuss personnel and legal issues. Commissioner Heiland 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 6, 2023, Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: There were none.

2023 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE: Police Chief Hettinger reported he received a letter dated February 1, 2023, from the Allied Veterans Council of Hanover requesting permission to hold their Annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 29, 2023. The parade will begin at 8:30 a.m. The request is the same as in the past. The Committee recommended approving the request.

ITEMS FOR APRIL SHREDDING EVENT: Police Chief Hettinger reported he had sent Manager Rodgers a list of documents that need to be disposed. Manager Rodgers reported that she has added the documents, along with documents from administration and the Waste Water Treatment Plant to the resolution. The documents will be sent for shredding at the Township shredding event on April 22, 2023. Chairman Elksnis added that the food drive will be held during this event as well. The Committee recommended approving the resolution.

ENHANCED CROSSWALK LIGHTING (ESAB): Police Chief Hettinger reported prior to COVID, the Township was in talks with ESAB to acquire enhanced lighting for the crosswalks on Karen Lane and Wilson Avenue. Luther Mountz, III, Operations Manager and Shane Smith, Quality Manager of ESAB were in attendance. Chief Hettinger has contacted ATS for updated pricing for the four electronic signs.

REVIEW OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING: Fire Chief Clouser reviewed the events at the last Fire Commission meeting. He reported revenue has increased. The Personnel and Finance Committee met to discuss replacement of the Business Manager. They will vote to fill the vacant Member at Large position. The Building and Apparatus Committee met to discuss purchasing two refurbished ambulances, and the

possibility of researching funding to cover the cost through various foundations and/or grants.

EMA UPDATE: Emergency Management Coordinator Waltman submitted his February report. He reported an issue has arisen with the street addressing of an extension of Eisenhower Drive. Conewago Township utilizes West Eisenhower Drive and is requesting Penn Township to rename a portion to West Eisenhower Drive. The Committee decided to hold off until more information is known on the proposed Eisenhower Drive extension project.

OTHER MATTERS: Police Chief Hettinger reported he received a request from the Safe Home Program Director for a letter of support for a grant application. Chief Hettinger stated that he has sent the letter to Manager Rodgers for the solicitor to review. The Committee had no issues with request.

Police Chief Hettinger reported he received a request dated March 1, 2023, from South Western School District's Education Foundation to conduct a 5K run on Saturday, May 6, 2023. This request is the same as past years. The Committee recommended Chief Hettinger to send them a letter.

Police Chief Hettinger reported he received a request from St. Joseph Catholic School to conduct their annual 5K run on Saturday, May 13, 2023. This request is the same as past years. The Committee recommended Chief Hettinger to send them a letter.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Sweeney,  
Township Secretary