

MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
JUNE 5, 2023

The Penn Township Public Safety Committee convened on Monday, June 5, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Elksnis, Commissioners 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. Commissioners Allison and Berlingo were absent with notice. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Elksnis announced there was an executive session held following the May 15, 2023, Penn Township Board of Commissioners Meeting to discuss personnel and consult with solicitor on legal matters. He also announced the July committee meetings for Public Safety, Public Works, Finance and Health and Sanitation will be held on Monday, July 3, 2023, beginning at 6 p.m., and there will be an executive session held after the Public Works Committee meeting this evening to discuss personnel issues.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the May 1, 2023, Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None.

SOUTH WESTERN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING: Police Chief Hettinger reported he received the Memorandum of Understanding from South Western School District. He stated that the agreement is the same as years past and has no issues. The Committee recommended approving the agreement.

UPDATE ON POLICE HIRING: Police Chief Hettinger reported they are continuing background checks and interviews, and hope to hire one if not two officers.

DISCUSS CDL LICENSES FOR FIREFIGHTERS: Fire Chief Clouser reported if the Committee does not want to consider replacing the CDL license requirement with the Driver Operator Aerial/Pumper Certification for Firefighters he is investigating becoming a certified training center for the CDL license to ease the burden of the cost to the firefighters. Chairman Elksnis stated that the Public Works and Waste Water Treatment Plant faces the same burden for the cost of the CDL license. The Committee would like to discuss options at next month's meeting.

UPDATE ON FIREFIGHTER HIRING: Fire Chief Clouser reported they made a conditional offer of employment, tentatively starting on September 5th, beginning the academy on September 19th, graduating November 11, 2023.

REVIEW OF FIRE COMMISSION MEETING: Fire Chief Clouser reported they recognized several individuals for involvement in clinical saves. Revenues are ten

percent higher, and expenses are thirty-one point two percent lower than budgeted. The new \$211,000 ambulance will be delivered on Thursday. The Finance Committee has been meeting with EMS representatives on a new pay structure, and meeting with the union representatives on the potential of merging the collective bargaining agreement. The Building and Apparatus Committee item discussions will be the repairs to the parking lot. They will have to have the work bid out. He reported that he applied for an Act 104 of 2022 Grant, due to the lack of funds that were appropriated, its hard to say how much if any will be received. Mr. Edward Masenheimer of the Civil Service Commission passed away, the department participated in the funeral service.

EMA UPDATE: Emergency Management Coordinator Waltman reviewed his May report. He also reported that the Township had two hazardous material spills in the month of May, with minimal impact to Plum Creek. Both were reported to DEP. Mr. Waltman was contacted by Homeland Security offering to conduct a facility of vulnerability assessment of the Waste Water Treatment Plant at no cost to the Township.

OTHER MATTERS: Police Chief Hettinger reported he would like to have the front door stenciled labeling the Police Department to avoid confusion at the Municipal Building. The department has a credit with Witmar Public Safety, the Fire Store, which would cover the cost. The Committee recommended moving forward.

He also reported that PennDOT will be providing electric signs on Moulstown Road and State Route 94 for traffic control for the YMCA RunFest to be held in October.

Fire Chief Clouser reported that the York County Commissioners enacted a burn ban effective today for the next thirty days. He conferred with Police Chief Hettinger and the ban does not affect recreational fires such as chimineas, fire pits, and grills.

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