MINUTES

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MAY 6, 2019

 The Penn Township Public Safety Committee convened on Monday, May 6, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Brown and Commissioners Klunk, and Van de Castle. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, Police Chief Hettinger, Fire Chief Clousher, Township Engineer Bortner, Zoning Officer Smith and Township Secretary Sweeney. Commissioners Heiland and Felix were absent with notice. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: There will be an executive session follow the Public Works Committee Meeting this evening to discuss personnel matters.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the April 1, 2019 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN’S COMMENTS: None

UPDATE ON SEARCH FOR NEW POLICE RMS SYSTEM: Police Chief Hettinger reported that they have been researching a new reporting management system. They are down to two options, CSI, New Jersey Based System, currently being used by Montgomery County, system is more expensive, and has a few functionality issues. Chief attended a conference in Hershey regarding the CODY System. Costs would be $37,550 for first year, $9,468 for years two through four, and $8,000 to equip six patrol cars. Cost includes: 24/7 customer support system, connections to the Cobra System, functionality, upgrades, e-ticketing, and a bar coding scanner. Department has option of using a server at the station, or accessing a cloud storage system through the internet for an additional $4,200 a year. Manager Rodgers suggested using the cloud for better accessibility. Police Chief Hettinger added that the County is also using the CODY system. Would not be able to implement until the end of the year. The committee had no objections.

AGGRESSIVE DRIVING PHASE: Police Chief Hettinger reported that the department conducted an aggressive driving campaign during the time of March 18 through April 28, 2019. The department logged 52 hours of overtime, resulting in 119 contacts, 103 speeding citations, with a total of 111 citations. The department will conduct another wave before the end of the year.

LAND 204 CLOVER LANE: Fire Chief Clousher asked for suggestions for use of approximately an acre of property adjacent to 204 Clover Lane which was previously farmed, but with the development going in will be difficult to maintain. The property is zoned commercial. Suggestions were made to pave, and use for training, or maintain, in the future to build a storage building. The committee suggested to discuss at the Hanover Area Fire and Rescue Meeting since they lease the land.

 Fire Chief Clousher also stated that the parking lot on development plans show for a driveway connecting to Ripple Drive. Fire Chief Clousher will reach out to Myers to see about moving forward with driveway.

ORDINANCE TO CHANGE MEADOW LANE TO A THRU STREET: Committee recommending approving Ordinance 820 to make Meadow Lane a thru street from Grandview Road to Kaitlyn Drive.

OTHER MATTERS: Police Chief Hettinger announced National Night Out Meeting will be held on May 7, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the station, and a range meeting will be held on May 15, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. at the Public Works facility.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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