MINUTES

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

JANUARY 7, 2019

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Brown read the announcement of an executive session that was held following the Board of Commissioners public meeting on December 17, 2018.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the December 3, 2018 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN’S COMMENTS: Ray Kinsey, 179 Northview Drive, spoke about concerns to the gun range at Wilson Avenue. Chief Hettinger stated that the Township is looking into a joint range with Conewago Township and the Borough of Hanover. Commissioner Brown stated that the priority for the year is to get a safe gun range for the police department. Mr. Kinsley also spoke in regards to gun safety classes to residents. Chief Hettinger stated that safety classes are not something they are looking into at the moment but is not opposed to looking at it in the future. Bruce Jobe, 25 Baugher Drive, spoke in regards to people speeding through Granger Street, Baugher Drive and Westminster Road. He wanted to make sure the police department was aware of the situation. Chief Hettinger stated they will patrol the area more often.

XFINITY HIGH-SPEED BUSINESS INTERNET UPGRADE: Chief Hettinger reported on Xfinity high-speed business internet upgrade. He received several quotes from Xfinity in regards to increasing internet capabilities. Chief Hettinger stated that the quotes that were given to him were very high priced and did not know if they were feasible. He may wait a year or two to see if prices go down. Chief Hettinger said that the upload speed is very slow. The police officers have to upload videos to the District Attorney’s office, and it sometimes takes twenty hours. Chief Hettinger stated that there is an option to triple their upload speed, and it will increase the monthly fee. He would like to test it for a month or two before making any decisions.

“NO PARKING” ORDINANCE: Manager Rodgers reported on a “no parking” ordinance from Melodie Lane east to Squire Way on Baltimore Street. There was a traffic study completed by Wellspan. The no parking signs have temporarily been posted but by March, they would like the permanent signs to be installed. Manager Rodgers is going to add adjustments to the ordinance by adding Grandview Road to 786 Baltimore Street to clarify where the no parking zones are located along Baltimore Street.

HALLOWEEN PARADE 2019 EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN: Fire Chief Clouser reported on the Emergency Response Plan for the 2019 Halloween Parade. EMA Director Jeff Waltman and Fire Chief Clouser met with the Hanover Jaycees. They are in the process of meeting with a sub-committee to address the emergency plan. Chief Clouser said that things are going well. EMA Director Jeff Waltman would like to review and update the township’s emergency plan.

2015 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE ADOPTION WITH AMENDMENTS: Fire Chief Clousher reviewed the proposed amendments to the 2015 International Fire Code. They have been reviewed by the Township Solicitor and he will make the appropriate adjustments and present to the Committee.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE: Chief Hettinger received a letter from the Allied Veterans Counsel of Hanover to conduct the annual Memorial Day parade on May 27, 2019. The parade route is the same as previous years. The counsel would just need to know which Commissioners would like to participate and who will be receiving the flag.

OTHER MATTERS: Chief Hettinger reported that a docco copier was purchased and the company has requested a picture of the police department for advertising purposes. It was also noted that the Township received a request for an ambulance membership.

CITZEN’S QUESTIONS: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina J. Rodgers

Township Manager