MINUTES

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 4, 2019

 The Penn Township Public Safety Committee convened on Monday, February 4, 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, and Zoning Officer Smith. 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 January 21, 2019. An executive session to discuss personnel issues will be held following the Public Works meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the January 7, 2019 Public Safety Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN’S COMMENTS: None.

POLICE RECORDS: Police Chief Hettinger presented a list of documents that he wanted destroyed. A resolution was prepared and will be considered by the Penn Township Board of Commissioners at their next meeting.

AGGRESSIVE DRIVING ENFORCEMENT: Police Chief Hettinger requested the Committee consider participating in the Aggressive Driving Enforcement Campaign. The grant will reimburse the overtime wages of the officers involved. The Township has not participated in the program for several years. The Chief will obtain additional information about the length of the grant at a future meeting. After some consideration, the Committee recommended moving forward with the grant for 2019.

RING VIDEO DOORBELL: Police Chief Hettinger provided an overview of a program being offered by Ring Doorbell. If the department executes the agreement it would allow them to access ring customers videos if the customer agrees. This could be used to help solve issues that occur near the home. It would not capture incidents near the road unless the homeowner has other cameras besides the one at the front door. Police Chief Hettinger stated that customers could have multiple cameras. There was some concern about the literature that was present and if any contribution was required from the Township. The Police Chief will review with Ring. If the agreement does not require any buy in by the Township the Committee recommended approval.

YORK COUNTY MOU: Police Chief Hettinger reviewed a memorandum of understanding proposed by York County for use of their computer system. The agreement has been reviewed by the Township Solicitor. There will be a minimal number of police officers given access to the system and the information must remain confidential. The Committee recommended approving the memorandum of understanding.

ORDINANCE FOR BRIDGE SIGNS: The Park Heights Avenue Bridge has been posted for limited travel due to the cracking of the center beam. The bridge is posted for under 10 tons for single vehicles and under 19 tons for combination vehicles. An ordinance has been prepared for the enforcement of the signs. The Committee recommended approving the ordinance at their next Board of Commissioners meeting.

ADOPTION OF THE 2015 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE: Fire Chief Clousher provided an ordinance for the adoption of the 2015 International Fire Code. The Township Solicitor has reviewed and made some corrections. The Committee recommended adopting it as presented by the Solicitor.

EMA CONSOLIDATION: An agreement has been prepared along with an ordinance for the consolidation of the EMA Coordinator through the Hanover Area Fire and Rescue Commission. The only stipulation is that the Coordinator will need to be governed by the elected officials of the Commission. Manager Rodgers reported that it has been forwarded to the Borough of Hanover for their consideration and will be adopted shortly after our meeting. The Committee recommended approving the agreement and adopting the Ordinance.

FIRE FIGHTER ELIGIBLITY LIST: Fire Chief Clousher reported that he is aware of a possible firefighter retirement in 2019. Neither the Borough of Hanover nor the Township of Penn have an active firefighter eligibility list. The Fire Chief is requesting that the Civil Service Commission be notified to begin the procedure of preparing an eligibility list. The last several lists have been combined by the Township municipalities. The Committee recommended moving forward with establishing a list.

OTHER MATTERS: None

CITZEN’S QUESTIONS: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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