

The Emergency Meeting of the **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** was held this afternoon via web-conference, President Daniel B. Norris presiding. Members present were Commissioners Pransky, Rappoport, Areman, and Zygmund-Felt. Mr. Brockington arrived on the call about 4:07 p.m. Commissioner Holland was not present.

Staff present via web-conference were: Terry Fedorchak, Interim Township Manager; and Joseph Bagley, Esq., Township Solicitor.

1. The meeting commenced at 4:00 p.m.
2. Upon recommendation of Chief of Police, via email, the Board of Commissioners has convened this Emergency meeting to consider the institution of an a curfew to help the police respond to civil unrest in the Township (see attached).
3. Upon motion of Mr. Zygmund-Felt, the Board of Commissioners with a 6-0 vote, unanimously approved the adoption of **Ordinance No. 2409-20**, an emergency ordinance developed upon the recommendation of the Cheltenham Township Police Department, imposing a curfew limiting the hours when persons may go upon or travel the public streets, including all public spaces such as sidewalks, public parks and rights-of-way, throughout Cheltenham Township from 8:00 p.m. June 1, 2020 until 6:00 a.m. June 2, 2020 pursuant to the Township Home Rule Charter and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Service Code (Ayes: Rappoport, Brockington, Pransky, Areman, Norris, Zygmund-Felt; Commissioner Holland was not present)

Exceptions to the curfew consist of the following:

Authorized law enforcement; individuals traveling directly to and from employment; medical services; attending religious services; commercial trucking and delivery services; voting for elective office; seeking medical or fleeing dangerous circumstances; and travel for any of the above services.

Retail businesses which are permitted to be open under statewide Covid-19 emergency orders are urged to close earlier in order to allow employees and customers to safely make their way home before implementation of the curfew at 8:00 p.m. this evening.

4. Upon motion of Mr. Brockington, the Board of Commissioners with a 6-0 vote approved amending **Ordinance No. 2409-20** to provide the Board President, after consultation with the Interim Township Manager and Chief of Police, with the option to extend the curfew to include June 2-3, 2020 and June 3-4, 2020 only as the public safety requires, with the same time limitations and other conditions (Ayes: Rappoport, Brockington, Pransky, Areman, Norris, Zygmund-Felt; Commissioner Holland was not present) (see attached).
5. There being no further business, Mr. Norris adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.



Terry Fedorchak
Interim Township Manager

Per Joseph Bagley, Township Solicitor

Elliott, Alyson

From: Fedorchak, Terry
Sent: Thursday, June 11, 2020 3:54 PM
To: Elliott, Alyson
Subject: FW: tonight

From: Fedorchak, Terry
Sent: Monday, June 01, 2020 3:21 PM
To: Frye, John <jfrye@cheltenham-township.org>; ann rappoport <ann4chelt@gmail.com>; Mitch Zygmund-Felt <mitchmzf@msn.com>
Cc: Areman, Matthew <mareman@cheltenham-township.org>; Pransky, Brad <bpransky@cheltenham-township.org>; Joseph M. Bagley <jbagley@wispearl.com>; Commissioners Temp Group <CommissionersTempGroup@cheltenham-township.org>; Elliott, Alyson <aelliott@cheltenham-township.org>
Subject: Re: tonight

BOC:

The Chief is asking the curfew be imposed from **8:00pm** tonight to **6:00am** tomorrow.

Terry Fedorchak
Interim Township Manager

From: Frye, John <jfrye@cheltenham-township.org>
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To: Fedorchak, Terry <tfedorchak@cheltenham-township.org>; ann rappoport <ann4chelt@gmail.com>; Mitch Zygmund-Felt <mitchmzf@msn.com>
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Subject: RE: tonight

So far today has been way worse than yesterday. We have had multiple incidents of looting and vandalism. We already have Abington and Springfield cars helping us and MIRT will be in Cheltenham as well.

We just had a founded shooting on Valley Rd

Male was observed in our parking lot taking pictures of our cars and personal cars. He fled when confronted in a car

I have never seen anything like this in my 25 years of policing. We are doing our best to hold the line.

John Frye
Chief of Police
Cheltenham Township Police Dept.
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Elkins Park, PA 19027

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From: Fedorchak, Terry

Sent: Monday, June 01, 2020 3:11 PM

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Subject: tonight

No vandalism at the township building or police station.

We are receiving reports that certain stores, like Home Depot, have or are now shutting down.

The Chief called me and asked to help with establishing a curfew for tonight.

I added the Chief to this email chain so we can all communicate more directly.

Terry Fedorchak
Interim Township Manager

Ann

On Mon, Jun 1, 2020 at 2:41 PM Mitch Zygmund-Felt <mitchmzf@msn.com> wrote:

I'm available as well.
Mitch Z-F

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 1, 2020, at 2:30 PM, Areman, Matthew <mareman@cheltenham-township.org> wrote:

I can be available after 3pm. Query whether we are there? Is there credible information that we're basing this decision on? It seems as though the Chief has things handled last night...are we expecting any different today?

Thanks.

Matt

Matthew D. Areman
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Subject: Re: closing

I am available and can set up a zoom meeting if necessary

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Terry: Four or more commissioners should get on a conference call and vote to impose an ordinance establishing a curfew under their emergency ordinance powers under the Township Home Rule Charter and under the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Service Code. They would be adopting an ordinance but it will be advertised after the fact. Joe

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Cc: Joseph M. Bagley <jbagley@wispearl.com>
Subject: closing
Importance: High

Afternoon all,

We have been hearing reports of possible acts of vandalism or attempted acts of vandalism.

At this point I have shut down the Township building and have sent folks here home.

Joe...the Chief wants to establish a curfew. Can you advise the BOC as to the procedures for that.

Terry Fedorchak
Interim Township Manager

Cheltenham Township
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**CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2409-20

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, PURSUANT TO SECTION 505 OF THE CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP HOME RULE CHARTER AND THE PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES CODE IMPOSING A CURFEW LIMITING THE HOURS WHEN PERSONS MAY GO UPON OR TRAVEL THE PUBLIC STREETS, INCLUDING ALL PUBLIC SPACES SUCH AS SIDEWALKS, PUBLIC PARKS, AND RIGHTS OF WAY

WHEREAS, the Cheltenham Township Police Department believes there is credible public safety threat to lives and property in Cheltenham Township, similar to that experienced nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the Cheltenham Township Police Department recommends a Township-wide curfew to help it protect lives and property; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Cheltenham (“Board”) in an Emergency Session, and upon the recommendation of the Cheltenham Township Police Department, hereby **ORDAINS** and **ENACTS** as follows:

- 1) The imposition of a curfew limiting the hours when persons may go upon or travel the public streets, including all public spaces such as sidewalks, public parks, and rights of way, throughout Cheltenham Township from 8 p.m. June 1, 2020 until 6 a.m. June 2, 2020 pursuant to the Township Home Rule Charter and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Service Code; and
- 2) Exceptions to the curfew consist of the following: authorized law enforcement; individuals travelling directly to and from employment; medical services; attending religious services; commercial trucking and delivery services; voting for elective office; seeking medical care or fleeing dangerous circumstances; and travel for any of the above services; and
- 3) Retail businesses which are permitted to be open under Statewide COVID-19 Emergency Orders are urged to close earlier in order to allow employees and customers to safely make their way home before implementation of the curfew at 8 p.m. this evening; and
- 4) The curfew imposed by the Board of Commissioners beginning June 1, 2020 may be extended, upon the determination of the Board President, after consultation with

the Interim Township Manager and the Police Chief, to include June 2-3, 2020 and June 3-4, 2020 only as the public safety requires, with the same time limitations and other conditions.

DULY ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Cheltenham Township, during an emergency session duly assembled via a web conference call, this **1st** day of **June, 2020**.

ATTEST:



Terry Fedorchak
Acting Township Manager & Secretary

**TOWNSHIP OF CHELTENHAM
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

By: 

Daniel B. Norris, President