

January 4, 2012
Curtis Hall

A regular meeting of the **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE** was held tonight, J. Andrew Sharkey, Chairman, presiding. Members present were Commissioners Hampton and Simon. Also present was Ex-Officio member Haywood. Staff present were Joseph Bagley, Wisler Pearlstine LLC; Bryan T. Havir, Assistant Township Manager; Kenneth Hellendall, EMS Director; David Lynch, Director of Engineering, Zoning and Inspections; John J. Norris, Chief of Police; Kevin O'Brien, Deputy Chief of Police; Joseph O'Neill, Fire Marshal; and David G. Kraynik, Township Manager. A Public Attendance List is attached.

Mr. Sharkey called the meeting to order.

1. Chief Norris reviewed the Police Activity/Community Policing Unit, Clearance and Juvenile Contact Reports for the month of November, 2011.

2. The Committee reviewed a proposed Ordinance to the Traffic Code that would add the following:

ADD:

Keenan Street: 25 mph Speed Limit between Willow Avenue and Cheltenham Avenue

Chief Norris advised that this restriction would enable the posting of signage.

3. Upon motion of Mr. Haywood, and unanimously approved by the Committee, it was recommended to the Board of Commissioners the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 285, thereof, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" (see attached).

4. Upon motion of Mr. Haywood, and unanimously approved by the Committee, the Police Activity/Community Policing Unit, Clearance and Juvenile Contact Reports for the month of November, 2011 were accepted.

5. Mr. O'Neill reported on the status of the Fire Companies' compliance with the "Officer Training and Advancement Requirements" Policy (No. 200.004) as set forth by the Fire Board in October, 2009. The Fire Companies were given two (2) years to come into compliance. The deadline for said compliance was December 31, 2011. These requirements address the levels of experience and training required to hold officer positions. Mr. O'Neill stated that all national fire organizations recognize these policies. It was his opinion and recommendation that all of the Township's Fire Companies should function under the same rules and requirements. He asked the Committee for support in this matter.

Mr. O'Neill and the Committee reviewed the requirements. Mr. O'Neill advised that the the Ogontz Fire Company that has not met the requirements, and it does not have a Fire Chief that meets the requirements.

Mr. Kraynik supported Mr. O'Neill's opinion. Mr. Kraynik said the Township needed to be supportive of policies adopted by the Fire Board, and there has been ample time to come into compliance with Policy No. 200.004. All of the other Fire Companies are in compliance with said policy.

Discussion ensued. Art Gordon, President of Ogontz Fire Company, addressed the Committee. He reported that his company will be electing a new Chief next week, and he expects Ogontz to be in compliance after that meeting. Mr. Sharkey told him that the Commissioners are concerned that since the Fire Companies provide a service to the community, it is important that there are standardized policies especially when it comes to the leadership of the Fire Companies. It was Mr. Sharkey's opinion that the Township Manager and Fire Marshal should have the ability to impose consequences if policies are not met.

Mr. Simon asked about the current ramifications of not meeting the policies.

Mr. Kraynik responded that there are none and asked that he and Mr. O'Neill be allowed to implement the ramifications recommended in Mr. O'Neill's memorandum dated December 7, 2011. Mr. Kraynik further stated that the Fire Companies have to understand that there are rules and regulations that have to be adhered to, and this is important to the public safety of the community, and if said rules and regulations are not followed, there will be consequences.

Mr. Simon asked if the Fire Board should consider imposing consequences. Mr. O'Neill responded that the Fire Board cannot impose consequences such as funding cuts.

It was Mr. Sharkey's opinion that each Fire Company needs to adhere to the rules and regulations, and face consequences for not doing so.

Joseph Stuckert, Chief of the Glenside Fire Company, stated that Township Ordinance does not empower the Fire Board to enact any penalties or ramifications, only institute the rules and regulations.

Mr. Gordon felt that implementation of the rules and regulations was difficult, and more discretion needs to be involved.

Mr. Sharkey praised the service that the Fire Companies provide to the community but the Ogontz Fire Company's failure to meet the requirements should have been brought to the attention of the Township sooner, and the Company should not have waited until the last minute. The Township needs to have the appropriately trained firefighters in place. If a Fire Company does not have a qualified Chief, there needs to be an adequate hammer to make it happen but he hoped that it would not have to be used. It was Mr. Sharkey's opinion that if Mr. Gordon and the Ogontz Fire Company did not approve of the policies, they should have previously discussed it with the Fire Board.

Mr. Stuckert advised that if a Fire Company does not have a Chief, the next highest ranking officer is in charge. There is always the option of holding an election, and that void is filled differently by each Fire Company.

Mr. Gordon felt the Fire Board should be a part of this discussion. Mr. Kraynik responded that it is not the role of the Fire Board to determine the ramifications, that is the role of the Board of Commissioners and Township Administration.

Upon motion of Mr. Sharkey, the Committee unanimously approved authorizing the Township Manager and the Fire Marshal to implement the ramifications as recommended by the Township Manager and the Fire Marshal as follows:

- 1) The Fire Board and Township require that each company furnish documentation that their officers meet the requirements of the position held as dictated by the Fire Board's adopted policy.
- 2) The Fire Board and Township make known that any company with officers that do not meet the requirements of the position shall vacate the position until such time as the individual meets the requirements or a qualified individual is put in place.
- 3) Require that any company without a qualified chief cannot respond outside the Township boundaries on any requests for automatic or mutual aid.
- 4) Require that any company without a qualified chief have a present or former chief of a Township company that does meet the requirements of the policy respond on any call other than a local box. (This would include response to dispatched building fires, hazardous materials incidents and rescue calls) This individual can assume command of the incident as they see necessary.
- 5) Withholding from any company that is without a qualified chief any future appropriations until such time as the position is filled.

6. Upon motion of Mr. Haywood, and unanimously approved by the Committee, the Report of the Fire Marshal for the month of December, 2011 was accepted.

7. Upon motion of Mr. Haywood, and unanimously approved by the Committee, the Report of the EMS Director for the month of December, 2011 was accepted.

8. The Committee discussed Resolutions authorizing the Township Emergency Management Coordinator to apply for disaster relief funding. Mr. Kraynik advised that the Resolutions were prepared by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency).

9. Upon motion of Mr. Simon, and unanimously approved by the Committee, it is recommended to the Board of Commissioners the adoption of the following two (2) Resolutions:

a. A Resolution authorizing the Township's Emergency Management Coordinator to execute all forms regarding disaster relief funding to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for Hurricane Irene (see attached).

b. A Resolution authorizing the Township's Emergency Management Coordinator to execute all form regarding disaster relief funding to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for Tropical Storm Lee (see attached).

10. Under Citizens' Forum:

Albert Meinster, 7830 Spring Avenue, expressed his concern about the behavior of members of the Police Department. He suggested that there be a citizen's review board that can act as a liaison between the Police Department and the residents. He has issues with Chief John Norris whom he felt had a gruff manner and described Mr. Meinster as argumentative. Mr. Meinster he [himself] was opinionated but was not argumentative. He stated that he would contact Mr. Kraynik to discuss his issues further.

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Haywood, and unanimously approved by the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.



David G. Kraynik
Township Manager

as per Anna Marie Felix

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING, 7:30 p.m.
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING, 7:45 p.m.
BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING, 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 4, 2012, Curtis Hall

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE LIST

<u>NAME</u> <i>(Please print clearly)</i>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE or E-MAIL</u>
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Judy Heath	313 Oak Road	judyh8800@comcast.net
FP Pleush	18305 Ave	
Jim Muldoon	106 Parkview Rd	215-635-9944
Ray Johnson	106 Parkview Rd	215-635-9944
MYRA TAKSA	109 Dewey Rd	buy my car @ comcast
DAVID MULLIGAN	7744 PENROSE AVE	DEPUTYCHIEF2@gmail.com
Rich Schuck	540 Woodland Ave	215-329-1818
Tyshaun Williams	1500 E Barringer	215-237-0758
Brett Sewell	637 Kuper St	267-784-8765
Harold White	7600 Penrose Ave	215-571-9919
Doll Burton	2400 Old York Rd	267-975-9528
Debra Stave McCarter	211 W. Waverly Rd	215-884-7306

511 Bareski 327 Giraldo Ave 215 917 8611

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Bill McCann	331 PAXSON AVE	215 576 8314
Jerry Ames	105 W Esplan Rd	215 917 1695
Matt Scholly	Glenside Fire Co.	215-500-3419
Art Gordon Jr	8206 Forest Hills Dr Elkvue Park PA	215-881-9282 215
Ann DelCarlo	143 Lismore Glensd	215 884-2358
Steve DelCarlo	"	"
MIKE JAECKS	151 LISMORE AVE GLENSIDE	215-884-5877
MIKE Hensley	2179 Pleasant Ave 2179 Glenside	267-625-4816
David Scott		215 740 9015
Ann Hensley	32 Baumt Rd	215-836-2738
Donna Fryman	513 Patricia Dr. Glenside	215 887 4011
Sara Peyser	513 Patricia Dr. Glenside	215 887 4011
Erin Hirsh	144 LISMORE	215 376 0555
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ORDINANCE NO. ____-12

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHELTENHAM, CHAPTER 285 THEREOF, ENTITLED VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, BY AMENDING CERTAIN STREET AND PARKING REGULATIONS.

The Board of Commissioners of the Township of Cheltenham hereby ordains:

SECTION 1. The Code of the Township of Cheltenham, Chapter 285, Article IV, entitled Schedule of Traffic Regulations, Section 285-43 thereof is hereby amended by **ADDING** the following:

KEENAN STREET F. 25 MPH, Willow Avenue to Cheltenham Avenue

SECTION 2. That in all other respects Chapter 285 of the Code of the Township of Cheltenham is hereby approved and accepted as amended, and shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval as required by law.

ENACTED into an Ordinance this **18th day of January, A.D., 2012.**

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWNSHIP OF CHELTENHAM

By _____

ATTEST: _____
David G. Kraynik, Secretary

DESIGNATION OF AGENT RESOLUTION

FOR: Hurricane Irene - 4025
(Enter Name of Disaster or Number)

BE IT RESOLVED BY Board of Commissioners OF Cheltenham Township
(Governing Body) (Public Entity)

THAT Kenneth Hellendall, Emergency Mgt. Coordinator
(Name of Applicant Agent) (Title)

IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE FOR AND IN BEHALF OF
Cheltenham Township, Montgomery County,
(Public Entity) (County)

a public entity established under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, all required forms and documents for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Public Law 93-288 as amended by Public Law 100-707).

Passed and approved this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

President
(Name) (Title) (Signature)
Vice President
(Name) (Title) (Signature)
(Name) (Title) (Signature)
(Name) (Title) (Signature)
(Name) (Title) (Signature)

CERTIFICATION

I, David G. Kraynik, duly appointed and Township Manager
(Name) (Title)

of Cheltenham Township, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of
(Public Entity)

a resolution passed and approved by the Board of Commissioners
(Governing Body)

of Cheltenham Township on the _____ day of _____ 20_____
(Public Entity)

Township Manager
(Signature) (Official Position) (Date)

PEMA-DAP -2

DESIGNATION OF AGENT RESOLUTION

FOR: Tropical Storm Lee - 4030
(Enter Name of Disaster or Number)

BE IT RESOLVED BY Board of Commissioners OF Cheltenham Township
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