

July 6, 2011
Curtis Hall

A regular meeting of the **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE** was held tonight, J. Andrew Sharkey, Chairman, presiding. Members present were Commissioners Hampton, Haywood, McKeown, Simon and Swavola. Also present was Ex-Officio Member Portner. Staff present were Joseph Bagley, Wisler Pearlstine LLC; Lt. Joseph Gruver; Bryan T. Havis, Assistant Township Manager; David Lynch, Director of Engineering, Zoning and Inspections; 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. Mr. Kraynik reported that Chief Norris was attending a family funeral this evening. Lt. Gruver reviewed the Report of the Police Chief for the month of June, 2011.
2. The Committee reviewed a proposed Ordinance to the Traffic Code as follows:

ADD:

CHELTENHAM AVENUE

NO LEFT TURN from exit of the driveway of 401 W. Cheltenham Avenue onto westbound Cheltenham Avenue

NORTH BENT ROAD

STOP SIGN, south exit driveway of Thomas Williams Park at North Bent Road

Lt. Gruver advised that the "No Left Turn" on Cheltenham Avenue was the request of PennDOT, and the "Stop Sign" on North Bent Road exists but needs to be placed in ordinance.

[Mr. Bagley joined the meeting at this time]

3. Upon motion of Mr. Portner, 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. In response to a question from Mr. Haywood, Lt. Gruver explained that a "Clearance" is a physical arrest and is a Uniform Crime Reporting term.

5. Lt. Gruver reviewed Chief Norris' recommendation for an application for a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$11,624.00. If approved, said funds would be used to purchase portable radios and equipment that would be compatible with a pending upgrade as required by Montgomery County.

6. Upon motion of Mr. Sharkey, and unanimously approved by the Committee, it is recommended to the Board of Commissioners approval of a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$11,624.00 for the purchase of portable radios and associated equipment.

7. Mr. Haywood reported that he has received complaints from Cheltenham Mall and Home Depot about dumping on those properties. The businesses gave him photos of the dumping that includes mattresses, household items, and hazardous materials. The clean-up is costing Home Depot approximately \$3,000 per month. They have asked for recommendations to discourage this dumping. Mr. Haywood requested that Staff and the Police Department investigate preventive measures.

Mr. Kraynik advised that the Township's fines for dumping are the highest allowable under state law. Lt. Gruver reported that the state Vehicle Code, Section 3709, is the best enforcement tool. This section is noted on all Pennsylvania owners' cards, all vehicle owners are required to adhere to it, and it has provisions addressing dumping. Mr. Kraynik indicated that such dumping is problematic since anyone who dumps needs to be caught in the act.

Lt. Gruver stated that this problem needs the cooperation of the public in coming forth with information. It was decided that the area would be monitored by the Police Department.

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

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

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

11. Commissioner McKeown reported that residents in the Cheltenham Village area are requesting that some of the streets in that neighborhood be evaluated as possible one-way streets. The streets are very narrow; there is a lot of cut-thru traffic; and accidents. He stated that the Police Department does not have sufficient staff and asked that the Township's traffic consultant be hired to perform a study.

Mr. Portner recommended that the Highway Safety Unit (HSU) investigate these issues. Mr. Sharkey asked that HSU perform an evaluation and make a report at the August meeting of the Public Safety Committee.

12. The Committee discussed a proposed county radio upgrade and associated costs. Extensive discussions ensued. Mr. Kraynik advised as follows:

- This is a county-wide upgrade
- The county is mandated by the FCC to upgrade the radios from 800 to 700 megahertz
- The county is proposing that municipalities absorb some of the cost of the upgrade
- The cost to the Township would be amount to \$384,360 for 60 portable radios
- Bond issue proceeds could be used
- He suggested that the Township's Resolution make it clear that this is "reluctant participation" since the Township feels this cost should be assumed by the county
- The majority of municipalities are expected to participate.

There was discussion regarding the merits of "rebanding" versus upgrading the system. It was Mr. Sharkey's opinion that this upgrade was important since it supported the public and

the police. Mr. Swavola asked about the possibility of future funding availability. Mr. Hellendall responded that communication devices are getting lower on the funding priority lists.

Mr. Swavola supported leasing the radios. He felt that purchasing them was financially prohibitive.

There was a comment from the public:

David Mermelstein supported the purchase of the radios. It was his opinion that the current radios are old, and the Township should keep up with technology.

The Committee discussed the cost of leasing and the life span of the radios.

Mr. Haywood was concerned that said expense could increase taxes. He felt there is a need for the upgrade but disagreed with the county shifting the responsibility of the cost to the municipalities. In his opinion, this should be resisted, and he could not vote for it. Mr. Kraynik was concerned with public safety if the Township does not participate. Mr. McKeown supported the purchase of the radios. It was Mr. Sharkey's opinion that this should be revisited if the Township Manager finds out that the majority of municipalities are not participating.

Mr. Swavola suggested that the Township let the county know that it does not have the money, and leasing could be an advantage with a later buyout.

Joseph Stuckert, Glenside Fire Company Chief, stated that the Fire Companies had to make the purchases of their equipment to meet the county's changes. EMS Director Ken Hellendall commented that this is an unfunded mandate coming from the FCC.

13. Upon motion of Mr. McKeown, and in a vote of 5 AYES and 2 NAYES, the Committee recommended to the Board of Commissioners the adoption of a Resolution authorizing the upgrade of the Township's emergency radio system in conjunction with Montgomery County, the purchase of 60 portable radios from Montgomery County at a cost of \$6,406 per radio for a total cost of \$384,360, and to urge the County to completely fund any upgrade (see attached).

14. The Committee considered a Fire Department Capital Improvement Program, which will provide funding in the amount of \$125,000 over a three (3) year period. Each Fire Company will be eligible to receive \$25,000 over the three (3) years. Mr. Kraynik indicated that the Fire Companies are supportive of this program. The Committee discussed the need for an annual budget from each Fire Company and the ability of the Fire Marshal to approve requests for other than the listed expenditures or types of programs.

15. Upon motion of Mr. Portner, and with a vote of 6 AYES and 1 NAY, the Committee recommended to the Board of Commissioners the approval of a Fire Department Capital Improvement Program for a period of three (3) years in the amount of \$125,000 (see attached).

16. Upon motion of Mr. Portner, and with a vote of 6 AYES and 1 NAY, the Committee recommended to the Board of Commissioners approval of the following transfer within the 2011 Capital Budget:

From: Capital Account 92-007 (2011 Bond Issue Proceeds) - \$125,000

To: Capital Account 92-1045 (Fire Department Capital Improvement Program) - \$125,000

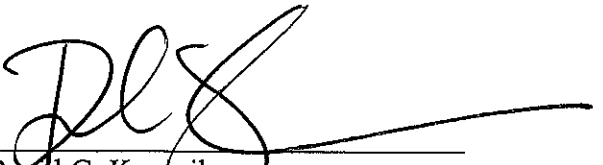
17. Under Citizens' Forum:

Bob and Iris Hammarquist, 812 Glenside Avenue, opposed the Stop Sign recently moved from Waverly Road and installed at Glenside and North Avenues. They claimed that the residents on North and on Glenside Avenues were not notified. They asked that this Stop Sign be removed. It was in front of their driveway and very dangerous. They presented photos and reviewed a 2005 study that determined there was a need for a Stop Sign in the area, and it should be located at Waverly Road and Hewett Road due to safety issues. They asked the reason for the installation of said sign at that location.

Ms. Hampton reviewed the evaluation process, which included community meetings she held; the concerns of neighbors along the 100 block of Waverly Road; traffic studies that were done by PennDOT and the Police Department's Highway Safety Unit.

Mr. and Mrs. Hammarquist were directed to contact Ms. Hampton and Chief Norris for a more detailed explanation. They were also told that this Stop Sign is being monitored.

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



David G. Kraynik
Township Manager

as per Anna Marie Felix



PUBLIC ATTENDANCE LIST
Public Affairs Committee, 7:30 p.m.
Public Safety Committee, 7:45 p.m.
Building and Zoning Committee, 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 6, 2011
Curtis Hall

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Stae Strals	921 Melrose N P	

CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP
ORDINANCE NO. _____-11

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:

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| CHELTENHAM AVENUE | (25) | NO LEFT TURN from exit of the driveway of 401 W. Cheltenham Avenue onto westbound Cheltenham Avenue |
| NORTH BENT ROAD | (C) | STOP SIGN, south exit driveway of Thomas Williams Park at North Bent Road. |

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 **20th day of July, A.D., 2011.**

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWNSHIP OF CHELTENHAM

By _____
Harvey Portner, President

ATTEST: _____
David G. Kraynik, Secretary

**TOWNSHIP OF CHELTENHAM
RESOLUTION NO. -11**

**RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN A MONTGOMERY COUNTY
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM UPGRADE**

WHEREAS, Cheltenham Township has been contacted by Montgomery County ("County"), which is contemplating upgrading the County-wide Public Safety Communication System for Police; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County will be upgrading its system by either rebanding the frequency or funding new voice and data communications infrastructure and asking municipalities to pay for portable radios for its police officers; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County has funded previous communication upgrades including supplying police departments with radios, and now the County is asking municipalities in very difficult economic times to provide the funds for the radios; and

WHEREAS, the Cheltenham Township Board of Commissioners urges the Montgomery County Commissioners to fund both the infrastructure upgrade and the purchase of portable radios for all police departments in Montgomery County; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Cheltenham, Montgomery County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, that the Cheltenham Township Board of Commissioners does hereby resolve that in the event the Montgomery County Commissioners do not pay for the radios, Cheltenham Township will reluctantly commit to participate in any public safety communications system upgrade by purchasing 60 radios and related user hardware required for use by its police personnel through the Montgomery County program in the interest of public safety.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Cheltenham, County of Montgomery, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at its meeting held at Curtis Hall, 1250 West Church Road, Wyncote, Pennsylvania, 19095 on **July 20, 2011**.

TOWNSHIP OF CHELTENHAM
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Harvey Portner, President

ATTEST

David G. Kraynik, Secretary
(SEAL)

May 9, 2011

Cheltenham Township Fire Department **Capital Improvement Program**

General Information

Cheltenham Township will provide funding to each of the five Fire Companies via a Capital Improvement Program, (CIP). The project period will be three years, 2011-14. All funds must be spent by June 30, 2014.

- Each company shall be entitled to an equal share of the fund allotted from the CIP.
- Any company may elect, with prior Township approval, to release any portion of its allotment to another company for their use.
- Any two or more companies can elect to use their allotment for an allowable joint purchase. A memorandum of understanding between the companies proposing such a use must be presented to and approved by the Township.
- Funds must be spent on items of a capital nature with a minimum of eight years life expectancy

Funding Level

The program will be funded in a total amount of \$ 125,000.00 over three years. Each company is eligible to receive \$ 25,000.00 over the three years. The program ends June 30, 2014.

Allowable Expenses

A company must confirm in writing with the Fire Marshal that the expense is reimbursable through the CIP prior to making any purchase. Expendables and operating expenses will not be funded. Only permitted expenses identified below can be reimbursed:

1. Non-expendable Firefighting Equipment. Examples include Hose/ Ladders/ Hose appliances/ Nozzles/ Air bottles/ Bunker Coats and Pants/ Pagers/ Radios/ Etc.
2. Renovations to facilities. For example, installing a shower room or installation of a sprinkler system.
3. Capital repairs to a facility. Examples include re-roofing, HVAC system replacement, new overhead doors, etc.)
4. Apparatus.

Requests for other than the listed expenditures or types of programs must have the approval of the Fire Marshal.

Administration

1. Requests for purchase and reimbursement shall be made through the Fire Marshal's Office. Companies must submit a request form to be supplied by the Township. The Fire Marshal will approve or deny all requests.
2. A purchase must have prior approval to be reimbursed.
3. A request form must be accompanied by a receipt, as well as any pertinent supporting documentation. The company Treasurer and President must sign the request form.
4. A fire company cannot pay for an allowable expense and then request reimbursement for the expense without prior written approval. If the request amount covers only a portion of the actual vendor cost, this must be noted and either:
 - a. Be accompanied by an invoice: OR
 - b. Have noted on the vendor invoice the amount of the invoice to be paid from the CIP.
5. Individual payment requests shall not be under \$500.00. Purchases can be lumped into one request. (Example: Payment request for (5) 50 foot lengths of hose at \$200.00 per length would be appropriate; Five separate requests for (1) length of hose would not.)
6. If a request is denied it will include the reason why it was denied.
7. All funds not reimbursed by June 30, 2014 shall be forfeited.

Miscellaneous

The Township shall have the right to request and inspect any tangible equipment that has a submitted payment request or has previously been paid for out of the CIP. Failure to produce the equipment may require that the funded amount is reimbursed to the CIP fund. The Township shall have the right to request and inspect any capital improvements that have a request for payment pending prior to approval.