

October 5, 2012
Curtis Hall

A regular meeting of the **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE** was held tonight, Commissioner J. Andrew Sharkey, Chairman, presiding. Members present were Commissioners Hampton, McKeown, Norris, Portner and Simon. Also present was Ex-Officio Member Haywood.

Staff present were Patrick Duffy, Director of Engineering, Zoning and Inspections; John J. Norris, Chief of Police; Kevin O'Brien, Deputy Chief of Police; Joseph O'Neill, Fire Marshal; Lt. John Weed, and Bryan T. Havir, Acting Township Manager.

Also present was Joseph Bagley, Esq., Solicitor. A Public Attendance List is attached.

Mr. Sharkey called the meeting to order.

1. Report of the Police Chief.

a. Chief Norris reviewed the Police Activity/Community Policing Unit, Clearance and Juvenile Contact Reports for the month of August, 2012.

b. Chief Norris reviewed a proposed Ordinance for signage on Hasbrook Avenue. Said signage is erected but not codified.

c. **Recommendation to the Board of Commissioners:** Upon motion of Mr. McKeown, the Committee unanimously recommended to the Board of Commissioners the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 285, thereof, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" to include a "No Parking" zone on Hasbrook Avenue (see attached).

d. Chief Norris advised that Lt. John Frye has been selected to attend the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA. It is a prestigious honor, and he was selected from numerous candidates.

e. Upon motion of Mr. Portner, the Committee unanimously accepted the Police Activity/Community Policing Unit, Clearance and Juvenile Contact Reports for the month of August, 2012.

2. Upon motion of Mr. Portner, the Committee unanimously accepted the Report of the Fire Marshal for the month of October, 2012.

3. Upon motion of Mr. Portner, the Committee unanimously accepted the Report of the EMS Director for the month of October, 2012.

4. Update on the Montgomery County Emergency Radio Dispatch System.

Mr. Havir summarized a report from County Commissioner Bruce Castor that was previously submitted to the Commissioners and attached to the meeting agenda. The County is considering obtaining additional radio frequency channels to increase the capacity of the system due to an

increase of radio traffic, increased geographic coverage, replacement of the police and EMS radios, a software upgrade for fire service, a microwave network to/from towers.

The Committee discussed the cost to municipalities. Mr. Haywood asked that the Township consider taking a position. Mr. Simon felt it was now appropriate to convey input.

Motion: Upon motion of Mr. Sharkey, the Committee unanimously directed Staff to submit a letter to the County Commissioners objecting to local municipalities absorbing costs and asked for a lobbying effort among municipal members of the County Consortium.

5. New Business

a. Mr. Norris advised of a Proclamation that he supported recognizing Sunday, October 28, 2012, as "Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church Day in Cheltenham Township".

6. Citizens Forum

a. John Silver, a member of the La Mott Fire Company, presented his idea for a La Mott Community Ambulance Corporation in partnership with the La Mott Fire Company. He distributed information. Said corporation is a private company that would lease space from the La Mott Fire Company for non-emergency medical transportation. There would be gross proceeds sharing of three percent (3%).

Mr. Sharkey noted that a private ambulance business in Elkins Park required zoning relief and the Elkins Park Fire Company attempted a similar proposal in the past, and zoning relief is also needed for this proposal; and he wanted Staff to review the proposal. Mr. Sharkey asked about the La Mott Fire Company's response to the proposal. Mr. Silver stated that the Fire Company did not support it, and it was his opinion that the La Mott Fire Company Board was behind the times.

Mr. Sharkey did not believe the Township should become involved in a private business in this proposal.

Mr. McKeown stated that the land the fire house is on is owned by the Township. Mr. Silver stated that the building is owned by the Fire Company.

Ms. Hampton thought Staff should review the proposal.

Mr. Simon inquired as to Mr. Silver's marketing strategy. Mr. Silver answered that he wanted a relationship with a fire company and would move forward with his proposal with another fire company if the La Mott Fire Company rejects it.

In response to a question from Mr. Norris, Mr. Silver stated that he is making this request and is asking for approval from the township. He is present to represent his business, not the La Mott Fire Company.

Mr. Portner wanted approval from the members of the La Mott Fire Company.

Mr. Havir suggested that Staff and the Solicitor review the Township's lease with the La Mott Fire Company and the use.

Motion: Upon motion of Mr. Sharkey, the Committee unanimously agreed to table consideration to allow Staff and the Solicitor to review the matter further.

b. Albert Meinster asked about the status of his suggestions made at previous meetings about having cautionary signage at the intersection of Church Road and Chelton Hills Drive; his suggestion for having crosswalks at the 7700-7800 blocks of Spring Avenue; Police Department oversight; citizen input in the selection of the Township Manager's position.

Mr. Sharkey responded that the Commissioners support the recommendation of the Police Chief not to add additional signage at the intersection Church Road and Chelton Hills Drive. Mr. Haywood advised that there are two (2) residents on the Township Manager selection committee. Mr. Meinster asked about contacting these residents. He was told that this request would have to be given further consideration.

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



Bryan T. Havir
Acting Township Manager

as per Anna Marie Felix

ORDINANCE NO.

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:

BEECHER AVENUE (11) NO PARKING, south side, from Hasbrook Avenue to 40 feet west.

BEECHER AVENUEI (12) NO PARKING, north side, from Hasbrook Avenue to 40 feet west.

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 **17th of October, A.D., 2012.**

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWNSHIP OF CHELTENHAM

By _____
Art Haywood, President

ATTEST: _____
Bryan T. Havir, Acting Township Manager



PUBLIC ATTENDANCE LIST
Public Safety Committee, 7:30 p.m.
Public Affairs Committee, 7:45 p.m.
Building and Zoning Committee, 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 3, 2012
Curtis Hall

Jim Crestler	209 West Rd Wynecote	
Joyce Werkman	1618 Willow Ave La Mett 19027	
Jim Schifano	401 N 2 ND PHICA 19127	
Ken Kreschner Justin Sixel EPFC		
DAVID C. COKE	321 GARWOOD AVE E.P. 19027	
Gkun Harris	Renew Design Group - School	
Bonita Washington	327 Rices Mill Rd Wynecote	
Amy Blum	8301 Cedar Rd EP 19027	

