

The regular meeting of the **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE** for April was held tonight, Chairman Brockington, presiding. Members present were Commissioners Rappoport, Pransky, Sharkey and Zygmund-Felt. Also present was Ex-Officio Member Commissioner Norris. Mr. Holland was absent.

Staff present were Bryan T. Havir, Township Manager; Alyson Elliott, Assistant Township Manager; John Frye, Chief of Police; and Joseph O'Neill, Fire Marshal. A Public Attendance List is attached.

Mr. Brockington called the meeting of the Public Safety Committee to order at 7:50 p.m.

Mr. Brockington announced that prior to this evening's meeting, the Board of Commissioners met in executive session to discuss pending litigation that would violate attorney-client privilege if discussed in public.

1. **Report of the Police Chief**

- A. Chief Frye reviewed the Police Clearance and Juvenile Clearance Reports for the month of February 2019. Chief Frye explained that a new category for "resident speed" was added and done retroactively for all of 2019, as requested.
- B. **Recommendation to the Board of Commissioners:** Upon motion of Mr. Brockington, the Committee unanimously recommended the Board of Commissioners adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 285, Vehicles and Traffic, Section 285-43, "Street and Parking Regulations" of the Township Code removing Handicapped Parking in front of 134 Franklin Avenue, adding Handicapped Parking in front of 114 Glenview Road and adding No Parking Between Signs on Woodland Avenue on the east side from Hilltop Lane to 50' south, at its regularly-scheduled meeting on May 15, 2019.
- C. **Recommendation to the Board of Commissioners:** Upon motion of Mr. Brockington, the committee unanimously recommended that the Board of Commissioners authorize advertisement of its intention to consider the adoption of the aforementioned Ordinance amending Chapter 285, Vehicles and Traffic.
- D. **Recommendation to the Board of Commissioners:** Upon motion of Ms. Rappoport, the committee unanimously recommended that the Board of Commissions present a Resolution to Father Tateos Abdalian upon his retirement from Cheltenham Township after 14 years of dedicated service as a Police Chaplain at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 15, 2019.
- E. Mr. Norris inquired about the No Turn on Red regulation at Old York Road from Stahr Road. Chief Frye stated there is a sight line issue with the overhead bridge and the No Turn on Red sign is necessary.
- F. Chief Frye recapped the Social Media for Parents event that was held at Cedarbrook Middle School on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 7:30 p.m., hosted by the Attorney General's Office. Mr. Brockington was in attendance; it was very profound.
- G. Chief Frye recapped the PAL "Pitch, Hit & Run" event that was held on Saturday, April 7, 2019 at the CAA ball fields. Mr. Brockington inquired as to how many youths attended. Chief Frye stated that seven youths attended the event.
- H. Mr. Zygmund-Felt inquired about the disturbances on the Myers Elementary property. Chief Frye stated the Community Response Unit will work with the School District and have extra supervision in the area to help alleviate any issues that may arise.

- I. Mr. Brockington requested the Police Department reach out to the community with a reminder to lock vehicles and homes. Chief Frye stated the Police Department will do a social media and website e-blast with information on how to prevent thefts.

Upon motion of Mr. Norris, the Committee unanimously received the Report of the Chief of Police.

2. **Report of the Fire Marshal**

Mr. O'Neill reviewed the Fire Marshal's report for the month of February 2019. He stated the Departments are busy with a typical number of calls.

- A. Mr. Zygmund-Felt inquired about the fire on February 26, 2019 where a child was alone in the residence. Mr. O'Neill stated the cause of the fire is still under investigation and there was no loss of life.
- B. Mr. Zygmund-Felt inquired about the status of the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development study. Mr. O'Neill stated that a consult met with the Fire Board on April 4, 2019, with all Fire Department Presidents and Chiefs in attendance, as well as some Commissioners and the Township Manager to start the process.

Upon motion of Mr. Norris, the Committee unanimously received the report of the Fire Marshal and the Minutes of the March 7, 2019 Fire Board Meeting.

3. **Report of the EMS Director**

Upon motion of Mr. Norris, the Committee unanimously received the February 2019 Report of the Emergency Medical Services.

4. **Report of the Emergency Management Coordinator**

Upon motion of Mr. Norris, the Committee unanimously received the March 2019 Report of the Emergency Management Coordinator.

5. **Report of the Township Manager:**

- A. Mr. Havir provided a status update on changes to multiple traffic signals along Church Road that being implemented by PennDOT on Thursday, April 11, 2019 as a result of the Greenwood Avenue Bridge replacement project. He noted that staff will continue to monitor the changes to ensure traffic is being managed as effectively as possible for the duration of the project, which is expected to be complete in early September 2019.

6. **Old Business:** None.

7. **New Business:**

Mr. Sharkey reported that residents of Oak Road have requested that Oak Road between Limekiln Pike and Springhouse Lane be made a one-way street going east. A petition was distributed to 50 of the 58 residences affected and there was above a 70% approval of signatures in favor of this change. Chief Frye stated the Police Department completed a traffic study which determined that this change does not meet the requirements under PennDOT regulations.

Recommendation to the Board of Commissioners: Upon motion of Mr. Sharkey, with a 5 to 1 vote, the Committee recommended the Board of Commissioners amend Chapter 285, Vehicles and Traffic,

Section 285-43, to change Oak Road to a One-Way street from Limekiln Pike to Springhouse Lane, being added to the previously proposed Ordinance amending Chapter 285, Vehicles and Traffic, which will be considered for adoption on May 15, 2019 (Ayes: Brockington, Norris, Rappoport, Sharkey and Pransky; Nay: Zygmund-Felt).

8. **Citizens' Forum:**

Robert DeMaria, 65 Limekiln Pike, expressed his concerns about the deterioration of the sidewalks on Limekiln Pike in the vicinity of his property and submitted photographs and letters from Representative McCarter's office to the Committee.

Mr. Minnion, Limekin Pike, expressed his concerns about the deterioration of the sidewalks on Limekiln Pike in the vicinity of Limekiln Pike and Glenside Avenue and his concern about the gas lines under the sidewalks.

Jim Conklin, 806 Church Road, expressed his concerns regarding speeding along Church Road and the curve in front of his property. He said he experiences at least one accident a year in front of his property. A guardrail had been placed along the frontage to block vehicles from entering his property; however, the most recent accident in November 2018 damaged the guardrail. PennDOT determined that the conditions did not warrant a guardrail and agreed to remove it from in front of his property. Mr. Conklin would like to place boulders and landscaping along the frontage to block errant vehicles. Township staff has reviewed the request and believes that the boulders could cause significant damage to vehicles and persons who impact them and recommend against them. Mr. Conklin asked if there are other measures that could be implemented to slow traffic or deflect traffic from his property. Township staff will follow up with PennDOT on this matter.

Emily Steinberg, 411 Randall Road, expressed her concerns with traffic egressing to State Route 309 using Church Road, Greenwood Avenue and Rices Mill Road, which has become a more prevalent problem with the Greenwood Avenue road closure due to the bridge replacement. Ms. Steinberg would like to change traffic patterns egressing to Route 309 through Cheltenham Township, potentially moving traffic to major roadways such as Washington Lane to Cheltenham Avenue to Limekiln Pike onto State Route 309. The Committee suggested that the Township staff meet with PennDOT and that Ms. Steinberg be included to find a resolution to change the "preferred route" through the Township for vehicles egressing to State Route 309.

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Norris, and unanimously approved by the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



Bryan T. Havir
Township Manager

per Kathryn Gallagher



Meeting Attendance Sheet

Public Safety Committee

Public Affairs Committee

Finance Committee

Wednesday, April 10, 2019



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