

The regular meeting of the **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE** for July 2019 was held tonight, Chairman Brockington, presiding. Members present were Commissioners Pransky, Rappoport and Sharkey. Mr. Holland, Mr. Zygmund-Felt, and Ex-Officio member Norris were not present.

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

Mr. Brockington called the meeting of the Public Safety Committee to order at 7:35 p.m.

1. **Report of the Police Chief**

- A. Chief Frye reviewed the Police Clearance and Juvenile Clearance Reports for the month of May 2019.
- 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 adding a Handicapped Parking space in front of 7324 Sycamore Avenue at its regularly-scheduled meeting on August 14, 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. Chief Frye proposed changes to Section 501.C. Qualifications of Applicants and Section 502.A. Appointments, of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations to remove the requirement for police applicants to have Act 120 certification or be currently enrolled in a certified police academy to be eligible to take the Police Examination.

Ms. Rappoport asked for clarification of who would then pay for the Police Academy for a Police Applicant who was not already Act 120 certified. Chief Frye stated as per the October 2018 Budget Proposal, the Township would pay for the Police Academy for applicants hired without Act 120 certification.

Recommendation to the Board of Commissioners: Upon motion of Mr. Sharkey, the committee unanimously recommended that the Board of Commissioners adopt a Resolution amending Section 501.C. Qualifications of Applicants and Section 502.A. Appointment of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations to permit the hiring of police officers without Act 120 certification.

Upon the motion of Mr. Sharkey, 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 May 2019, as well as the Fire Board Minutes from the June 6, 2019 Fire Board meeting.

Mr. O'Neill noted a rise of "time on scene" numbers in the report due to an increase in fire service related incidents.

Mr. Brockington inquired about the property at 101 Central Avenue with regard to the fire investigation and outcome as well as a vehicle still on the property. Mr. O'Neill stated the cause of the fire is listed as Undetermined/Under Investigation as the cause of the fire cannot be 100% determined as required for court. He ensured the vehicle will be removed from the property promptly.

Upon motion of Mr. Pransky, the Committee unanimously received the report of the Fire Marshal and the Minutes of the June 6, 2019 Fire Board Meeting.

3. **Report of the EMS Director**

Mr. Hellendall reviewed the EMS report for the month of May 2019.

Upon motion of Mr. Pransky, the Committee unanimously received the Report of the Emergency Medical Services.

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

Mr. Hellendall reviewed the Emergency Management report for the month of June 2019.

Upon motion of Mr. Pransky, the Committee unanimously received the Report of the Emergency Management Coordinator.

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

Mr. Havir updated the committee on Township Staff's efforts to complete a draft of the new Traffic Calming Policy for Committee review. He stated it should be ready for presentation at the August Public Safety meeting.

6. **Old Business:** None.

7. **New Business:**

Mr. Brockington announced that he and Ms. Rappoport are meeting with State Representative Steve McCarter on July 11, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss traffic calming issues with regard to state roads, as discussed at prior committee meetings. Commissioner Sharkey suggested the information also be shared with Senator Haywood's office as well.

8. **Citizens' Forum:**

Emily Steinberg, 411 Randall Road, voiced her concern and had a slideshow presentation about the need for traffic calming measures due to traffic volume and speed, as well as pedestrian walkability in the area of Church Road and Greenwood Avenue. She voiced her concern about not having pedestrian access to Curtis Arboretum. Mr. Sharkey said the Township could lose Liquid Fuels Funding from the state, which is used to fund paving and other roadway maintenance needs if restrictions are placed on the road. He stated these issues would be discussed by Mr. Brockington and Ms. Rappoport with State Representative McCarter on July 11, 2019.

Theresa Camerota, 1112 Church Road, read a letter to Commissioner Holland into record (see attached). She voiced her concern about traffic calming in the area of Church Road and Washington Lane.

Residents requested that a traffic study be conducted on Church Road between Rices Mill Road and Washington Lane both before and after the bridge on Greenwood Avenue just south of Church Road is reopened. They also discussed the use of a digital speed sign.

Linda Moore, 1314 Spruce Lane, voiced her concern about the walkability and access for pedestrians to Curtis Arboretum.

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Pransky, and unanimously approved by the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.



Bryan T. Havir
Township Manager

per Kathryn Gallagher

Commissioner B. Holland.

Just a reminder. We need a digital speed sign ASAP on Church Rd. between Heacock and Bent. You are more than welcome to put it in front of my house where there is a 10 ft. berm, or in my driveway. I spoke with Sgt. Jesse Tyler about the situation and he said he would try to get by, or send someone by, to have a look.

While I was having coffee and doing my morning email yesterday, our windows started rattling just before 6AM. So I started counted trucks... 4 tractor trailers in 5 minutes, speeding west on Church Rd. from Washington Lane, probably heading to 309. In first half hour, there were 6 tractor trailers, 2 dump trucks and 14 smaller commercial trucks. In second half hour I counted 424 cars speeding by the living room window in a blur of traffic. The closer to 7AM the faster they got... up to 23 cars a minute.

Today I have been too busy to get an accurate number but it has been non-stop, speeding traffic all day. Maybe 30 plus multi-axle, commercial trucks, not counting vans and pickups, in the past 2 hours. I need to keep air filters running almost constantly in our front rooms, even without the windows open. Our TV room is 24 ft. from the white, berm line with traffic heading east on 73.

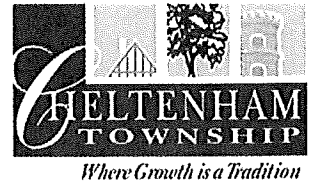
Speed enforcement is needed from the state or local level. When the Greenwood Ave. bridge reopens and school starts back in September it will be a safety issue for our students in 5 large schools in the immediate area. There is not a single safe crosswalk along Church or Greenwood Avenue to accommodate children who may need to walk to school or wish to access the Arboretum. As witnessed over the pass few months, speeding traffic has noticeably increased since the congestion on 73 has been reduced due to the closing of Greenwood Ave. south to 309.

This problem needs immediate attention and is not going to be alleviated by an intersection expansion.

Thank you for your help with this matter.
Theresa Camerota
1112 Church Rd. Wyncote.



Meeting Attendance Sheet



Public Safety Committee
Public Affairs Committee
Finance Committee
Wednesday, July 10, 2019
Curtis Hall

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