

A regular meeting of the **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE** was held tonight, Chairman Daniel B. Norris, presiding. Members present were Commissioners Brockington, Holland, Rappoport, Pransky and Sharkey. Also present was Ex-Officio Member Commissioner Simon.

Staff present were Alyson Elliott, Assistant Township Manager; John Frye, Chief of Police; Joseph O'Neill, Fire Marshal; Kenneth Hellendall, Director of Emergency Medical Services; Joseph Stuckert, Street and Traffic Light Superintendent; and Bryan T. Havar, Township Manager. A Public Attendance List is attached.

Mr. Norris announced an Executive Session was held prior to the meeting regarding a personnel matter.

Mr. Norris called the meeting of the Public Safety Committee to order at 7:45 p.m.

1. **Report of the Police Chief**

Chief Frye reviewed the Police Clearance and Juvenile Clearance Reports for the month of September 2017.

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

2. **Report of the Fire Marshal**

Mr. O'Neill reviewed the Fire Marshal's report for the month of September 2017.

Mr. O'Neill reminded residents to clean their ovens prior to Thanksgiving and if they're going to deep fry turkeys to make sure they are the proper distance from their dwelling.

Mr. Sharkey requested the flyer regarding how a homeowner can handle a grease fire be posted on the Township website and sent to each Commissioner for distribution.

Upon motion of Mr. Norris, the Committee unanimously received the Report of the Fire Marshal.

3. **Report of the EMS Director**

Mr. Hellendall reviewed the Emergency Medical Services report for the month of September 2017.

Mr. Pransky, Mr. Hellendall and Mr. O'Neill discussed the distribution of smoke detectors. The Fire Marshal's office provides 10 year detectors for residents with an economic need or mobility issues. The American Red Cross goes door-to-door with smoke detectors in the area of a fire event after there has been a fire. Mr. O'Neill stated the Fire Marshal's office does receive donations from Home Depot and Walmart as well as others, when they are available. Channel 6 ABC also provides a limited supply of smoke detectors from time-to-time.

Upon motion of Mr. Norris, 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 October 2017.

Mr. Hellendall reviewed the flyers attached to the Public Safety Agenda regarding public relations. The flyers will be distributed at community events, advertisements placed in the local newspapers, posted on the Emergency Management Facebook page and the Township website.

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

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

Mr. Havar invited the Board of Commissioners to a meeting at the Montgomery County Department of Public Safety on December 8, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. regarding the current challenges faced by Emergency Medical Services.

6. **Old Business:** None.

7. **New Business:** None.

8. **Citizens' Forum:**

Ms. Alicia Mahoney of 8246 Brookside Road had a discussion with the Committee regarding speeding and other traffic issues in the area of Brookside Road and Manor Road. Mr. Norris stated that speeding is a paramount issue for the Commissioners and the Police Department. Ms. Mahoney will be meeting with neighbors, Township Commissioners and other government officials to create a resident based committee to help combat speeding.

Mr. Sharkey asked that everyone contact their State Representatives to have them pass legislation allowing local law enforcement to use radar for speed enforcement.

Ms. Abbey Schuster of 7938 Waltham Road stated she felt the police force needed more officers. She suggested a capitol campaign fundraiser or a walk-a-thon to raise money for the police budget to hire more officers.

9. There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Norris, and unanimously approved by the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



Bryan T. Havar
Township Manager

as per Kathryn Gallagher



Meeting Attendance Sheet



Public Safety 7:30 PM
Public Affairs 7:45 PM
Finance Committee 8:00 PM

Wednesday, November 8, 2017

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