

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

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

Mr. Norris called the meeting of the Public Safety Committee to order at 7:40 p.m.

1. **Report of the Police Chief**

a.) Chief Frye reviewed the Police Clearance and Juvenile Clearance Reports for the month of July 2017.

b.) **Recommendation to the Board of Commissioners:** Upon motion of Mr. Norris, the Committee unanimously recommended the Board of Commissioners adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 285 of the Township Code, said ordinance, entitled "Vehicle and Traffic" to remove a handicapped parking sign at 1816 Chelsea Road and authorize the advertisement of its intent to consider the adoption of at its regularly-scheduled meeting on October 18, 2017.

c.) **Recommendation to the Board of Commissioners:** Upon motion of Mr. Norris, the Committee unanimously recommended the Board of Commissioners present a Resolution honoring Jeffrey Kohn, MD for his donation of \$5,000 for the purchase of bullet proof vests for the Police Department at its regularly-scheduled meeting on September 27, 2017.

d.) Chief Frye announced the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Police Open House is scheduled for Friday, September 15, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Police Station. All members of the community are invited both adult and youth, no registration required. Refreshments will be served. There will be demonstrations from the Department's K9 unit, as well as fire and EMS apparatus on display. There will be tours of the Police Station as well. If there is inclement weather, a rain date will be scheduled.

Mr. Holland and Mr. Pransky, on behalf of the Committee, thanked the Police Department and Public Safety responders for their efforts during the incident in Lynnewood Gardens earlier in the month. Chief Frye stated the event lasted nine hours and had a positive outcome with no injuries to police, other emergency responders or the subject. A peaceful resolution is always the desired outcome.

Mr. Sharkey requested that Township Staff investigate the feasibility of using a mobile app or credit card for making parking kiosks throughout the Township's business districts more user friendly.

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 report for the month of July 2017. Tragically there was one fatal fire during the month. Fire Services attended a Senior Fair to answer questions about fire safety. Mr. Sharkey inquired about the rise in the amount of fire runs per individual fire department. Mr. O'Neill explained that between the five fire companies, the higher run response was due to the implementation of a new mutual aid program. Fire services are always looking for volunteer firefighters.

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 July 2017.

Mr. Sharkey, on behalf of the Committee, extended its well wishes for a speedy recovery for the Assistant Chief of EMS.

a.) Mr. Hellendall discussed the need for the Township to raise the billing rates for ALS1, ALS2 and BLS responses. He reviewed a statistical report that was completed by Cheltenham EMS. The Township has not raised billing rates in approximately five years and is currently billing at a considerably lower rate than other surrounding like sized ambulance companies. Mr. Hellendall will make sure that the annual EMS Membership letter being mailed to all residents encourages them to join the Township's EMS Membership program to alleviate residents from being billed any residual billed amount due that was not covered by their current healthcare provider.

**Recommendation to the Board of Commissioners:** Upon motion of Mr. Norris, the Committee unanimously recommended the Board of Commissioners adopt a Resolution amending its fee schedule to increase billing for ALS2 to \$1,680, ALS1 to \$1,375 and BLS to \$1,150 beginning October 1, 2017.

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

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

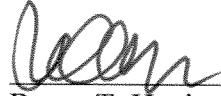
Mr. Hellendall reviewed the Emergency Management Report for the month of August 2017.

Mr. Hellendall informed the Committee that Emergency Management personnel (EMA) have been assisting Cheltenham School District in updating its Emergency Management Plan. To date 80 hours have been spent updating their Plan, training new teachers on the plan and helping the School District identify issues within the Plan.

Mr. Hellendall stated the School District is billed for the time Township Emergency Management personnel assist them. Additionally, the Emergency Management Team is still doing current programs and plans in each of the other school buildings within the School District.

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:** None.
6. **Old Business:** None.
7. **New Business:** None.
8. **Citizens' Forum:** None.
9. There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Norris, and unanimously approved by the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



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Bryan T. Havar  
Township Manager

as per Kathryn Gallagher