

January 7, 2015
Curtis Hall

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

Staff present were Alyson Elliott, Assistant Township Manager; John Norris, Chief of Police; Joseph O'Neill, Fire Marshal; Henry Sekawungu, Planner/Zoning Director; and Bryan T. Havir, Township Manager.

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

Vice Chair Charles D. McKeown called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Sharkey joined the meeting thereafter.

1. Chief Norris reviewed the Police Activity/Community Policing Unit, Clearance and Juvenile Contact Reports for the month of November, 2014.

2. Upon motion of Mr. Portner, the Committee unanimously accepted the Police Activity/Community Policing Unit, Clearance and Juvenile Contact Reports for the month of November, 2014.

3. Mr. Sharkey asked about the new training arrangement between the Ogontz and Elkins Park Fire Companies and the status of the Long-Range Plan. Mr. O'Neill stated that cross-training is proving to be a success, the Elkins Park Fire Company has had their calls increased significantly, and a status of the Fire Companies Long-Range Plan will be on the Committee's February agenda.

Upon motion of Mr. Portner, the Committee unanimously accepted the Report of the Fire Marshal for the month of December, 2014.

4. Upon motion of Mr. Portner, the Committee unanimously accepted the Report of the EMS Director for the month of November, 2014.

Mr. McKeown thanked EMS for delivering several new resident packages in his ward.

5. Mr. Sharkey asked about the status of the Bickley Road property buy-outs. Mr. Havir reported that Staff met with FEMA to review the administrative process for the current HGMP grant the Township received, and a decision should be reached sometime this spring concerning the second HGMP grant that the Township recently applied for last fall.

6. Upon motion of Mr. Portner, the Committee unanimously accepted the Report of the Emergency Management Coordinator for the month of December, 2014.

7. Under Report of the Township Manager, Mr. Havir reported that he met with representatives of the Environmental Advisory Committee ("EAC") and the Sustainability Plan's Energy and Emission Subcommittee to discuss their ideas and plans for bicycle-friendly roads.

Their proposal for road sharrow will be discussed at the Staff Meeting on January 13. Sharrow could be considered for implementation as part of the Township's ongoing milling and resurfacing program. Staff needs to do due diligence including a cost analysis to include implementation and maintenance and review of PennDOT's criteria.

Ms. Rappoport asked about bumper stickers and other items suggested by the EAC. Mr. Havar responded that they will be considered as well.

8. Under Old Business, Mr. Norris asked, and Mr. Havar explained what contents are included in "New Resident" packets.

9. Under New Business, Mr. Sharkey suggested that consideration be given to reducing the carbon and paper footprints. There appears to be too many hard copies of agendas that are provided at the meetings, and believed this to be unnecessary. He believed that the Township needed to be sustainable in this respect. Also, there are documents attached to agendas that are not necessary for the public, and should be disseminated internally to the Commissioners only. This could cut down on the use of paper.

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Portner, and unanimously approved by the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.



Bryan T. Havar
Township Manager

as per Anna Marie Felix

