

August 5, 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; Kenneth Hellendall, EMS Director; John J. Norris, Chief of Police; Kevin O'Brien, Deputy Chief of Police; Joseph O'Neill, Fire Marshal; Henry Sekawungu, Director of Planning/Zoning, and Bryan T. Havar, Township Manager. Also present was Andrew Freimuth, Esq., Solicitor's Office. A Public Attendance List is attached.

Mr. Sharkey called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. He announced the passing of Mike Hensley, a long-time volunteer of the Glenside Fire Company, and asked for a moment of silence.

Mr. Sharkey announced that prior to the meeting, the Commissioners held an Executive Session to discuss acquisition of Township property, anticipated litigation, and attorney/client privilege information.

1. Under Report of the Police Chief, Chief Norris reported the following:
  - a. He reviewed the Police Activity/Community Policing Unit, Clearance and Juvenile Contact Reports for the month of June, 2015.
  - b. He recommended the following amendment to the Traffic Code, which were approved by Staff:

Add: Sycamore Avenue – Handicapped Parking, east side, in front of  
7329 Sycamore Avenue, La Mott.

- c. **Recommendation to the Board of Commissioners:** Upon motion of Mr. Portner, the Committee unanimously recommended to the Board of Commissioners the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 285 of the Traffic Code entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" (see attached).

- d. Chief Norris announced the retirement of Sgt. James Slavin and the promotional ceremony for Officers Brian Griffin and Daniel Schaefer who are being promoted to Sergeants on Monday, August 17, 2015, 10 a.m., at Curtis Hall.

- e. In response to a question from Mr. Norris, Chief Norris explained the promotion process and testing for police officers.

f. Mr. Simon commended the Police Department on a recent Elkins Park Community Meeting that it held in response to burglaries in the vicinity of the Elkins Park Train Station and noted the attendance of SEPTA Police Chief Tom Nestle, Sgt. Montee Cooper from SEPTA Police Department, and Ed Wallace from SEPTA Facilities. Mr. Sharkey commended the Police Department's swift action in making arrests for burglaries in Elkins Park and Lynnewood Gardens.

g. Ms. Rappoport asked about graffiti remediation and what the public should know. Chief Norris responded that all graffiti needs to be reported to the police who will investigate to find out who the graffiti artists are. He noted that currently the popular graffiti artist is "Zorro".

h. Chief Norris reviewed preparations for the Papal visit scheduled for Saturday, September 26, 2015 and Sunday, September 27, 2015, as follows: most issues are anticipated to be due to traffic congestion and many traffic jams are expected; no trains will be stopping at any of the stations in the Township; there will be a full commitment of officers and Auxiliary Police; many aspects of the visit are still unresolved by the city and security agencies; he reviewed State Police coverage of Rt. 309; the Fire Companies, EMS and Police are all coordinating their efforts.

Mr. Norris asked about the additional costs and if they will be reimbursable. Chief Norris was not sure of the total manpower costs and the hours needed but any additional costs incurred for this Papal visit will be significant. Chief Norris did not anticipate that they will be reimbursable and felt that there were sufficient funds in the budget without going over budget.

Ms. Rappoport asked about mobilizing local college campuses. Chief Norris stated that the schools have been asked to refrain from any events and activities because there will be no coverage available since the Police and Auxiliary Police will be on call for the Papal visit.

i. Upon motion of Mr. Portner, the Committee unanimously accepted the Police Activity/Community Policing Unit, Clearance and Juvenile Contact Reports for the month of June, 2015.

2. A recent fire at the Towers of Wyncote was discussed. Mr. O'Neill discussed the Fire Department's educational training for tenants that includes instructing tenants to keep apartment doors closed so tenants can be protected in place. In this incident, a door was left open.

Upon motion of Mr. Portner, the Committee unanimously accepted the Report of the Fire Marshal for the month of June, 2015.

3. Mr. Norris commented that EMS billing seems to be down over the same period last year. Mr. Hellendall noted that new rules in Obamacare not only make it more difficult to collect money but also may result in the collection of less money. Also, insurance companies are still paying patients who keep the money.

Upon motion of Mr. Portner, the Committee unanimously accepted the Report of the Emergency Services Director for the month of June, 2015.

4. Upon motion of Mr. Portner, the Committee unanimously accepted the Report of the Emergency Management Coordinator for the month of July, 2015.

5. Report of the Township Manager – Mr. Havir reviewed the cost estimates and quantities for new 800 MHz Emergency Radios. Ms. Rappoport asked if other municipalities have concern about the cost and if there is anything that can be done to reduce the cost. Mr. Sharkey suggested that pressure be put on the County Commissioners and he would reach out to the Association of First Class Townships for input.

6. Old Business – None.

7. New Business – None.

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Portner, and unanimously approved by the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



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Bryan T. Havir  
Township Manager

as per Anna Marie Felix

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHELTENHAM,  
CHAPTER 285 THEREOF, ENTITLED VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, BY AMENDING CERTAIN  
STREET AND PARKING REGULATIONS.

The Board of Commissioners of the Township of Cheltenham hereby ordains:

**SECTION 1.** The Code of the Township of Cheltenham, Chapter 285, Article IV, entitled Schedule of Traffic Regulations, Section 285-43 thereof is hereby amended by **ADDING** the following:

SYCAMORE AVENUE (H) HANDICAPPED PARKING, east side, in front of  
7329 Sycamore Avenue

**SECTION 2.** That in all other respects Chapter 285 of the Code of the Township of Cheltenham is hereby approved and accepted as amended, and shall continue in full force and effect.

**SECTION 3.** This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval as required by law.

**ENACTED** into an Ordinance this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TOWNSHIP OF CHELTENHAM

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Harvey Portner, President

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bryan T. Havar, Township Manager



**PUBLIC ATTENDANCE LIST**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – 7:30 P.M.**  
**PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – 7:45 P.M.**  
**BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE – 8:00 P.M.**  
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