

July 1, 2015
Curtis Hall

A regular meeting of the **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE** was held tonight, Commissioner J. Andrew Sharkey Chairman, presiding. Members present were Commissioners Holland, 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; Joseph O'Neill, Fire Marshal; Henry Sekawungu, Director of Planning/Zoning, and Bryan T. Havir, Township Manager. Also present was Joseph Bagley, Esq., Solicitor. A Public Attendance List is attached.

Mr. Sharkey called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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 May, 2015.

b. He recommended the following amendments to the Traffic Code, which were approved by Staff:

Delete: Maple Avenue – No Left Turn restriction onto Washington Lane

Add: Maple Avenue – No Left Turn restriction onto Washington Lane

Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Sycamore Avenue – Handicapped Parking in front of 7819

Wilson Avenue – 20 MPH Speed Limit, Huber Street to Ruralside Avenue

c. **Recommendation to the Board of Commissioners:** Upon motion of Mr. McKeown, 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. Mr. Holland commented that the total thefts for 2015 could potentially exceed those for 2014 and that a lot of activity is at Walmart and Target. Chief Norris stated that retail thefts have increased 33% and violent crime is up 10%; Walmart takes a hard line but a lot depends on the security manager; the totals shown in the police report only reflect those crimes prosecuted by the stores so the numbers are actually higher; most of the activity is from Philadelphia.

In response to a question from Mr. Simon who noted that retail theft declined in the month of May but was up for the year, Chief Norris stated that the figures cannot be annualized.

e. Public Comment

Sheldon Shores stated that the Maple Avenue left turn restriction recommended this evening was a good compromise since there is good visibility in both directions and adequate traffic lights nearby. Also, there is no left turn restriction at Serpentine Lane going north and suggested that said intersection needed a similar restriction.

Edith Cerebi supported the Maple Avenue restriction.

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

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

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

4. Mr. Hellendall announced that a community meeting with the residents of Bickley Road is scheduled for Tuesday, July 14, 2015, at 7 p.m., at Glenside Hall. The purpose of the meeting will be to address residents' questions and concerns about the Bickley Road properties that have been bought out under the Flood Hazard Mitigation Grant.

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

6. Report of the Township Manager – Mr. Havar announced that Montgomery County has requested that municipalities submit by August 1, 2015 our estimated amount of how many new radios will be needed for the 800 MHz upgrade. He and Staff are working on a report that will be given to this committee at a future meeting. All final paperwork is due to the County by October 1, 2015.

7. Old Business – None.

8. New Business:

a. Mr. Simon mentioned a recent notice from Montgomery County listing Township properties in the County Repository that are available for sale at a very low cost. He asked that the properties be considered as to their value to the Township as possible acquisitions for open space.

b. Mr. Sharkey reminded everyone of First Friday in Downtown Glenside, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., on July 3, 2015. This event helps promote the business district, and there will be free parking during these hours.

8. Citizens' Forum:

Sheldon Shores was concerned about the lack of a traffic signal heading south on Washington Lane at Lucretia Mott Way. He has brought the matter up previously but no action has been taken. Chief Norris reported that the poles have been erected, this is PennDOT's responsibility, and PennDOT advises that they are working on it.

Mr. Sharkey suggested that Mr. Shores contact his state representatives Rep. McCarter and Sen. Haywood and ask for their help in expediting the matter with PennDOT.

Mr. Havir noted that PennDOT is going through a transition, and Public Works Coordinator Michael Fleming can best address this matter at the Public Works Committee meeting on July 8, 2015.

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.



Bryan T. Havir
Township Manager

as per Anna Marie Felix

ORDINANCE NO. _____

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 **DELETING** the following:

MAPLE AVENUE (9) NO LEFT TURN onto Washington Lane

SECTION 2. 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:

MAPLE AVENUE (9) NO LEFT TURN onto Washington Lane;
Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

SYCAMORE AVENUE (G) HANDICAPPED PARKING, east side; in front of
7319 Sycamore Avenue

WILSON AVENUE (6) 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT, Huber Street to Ruralside \
Avenue

SECTION 3. 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 4. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval as required by law.

ENACTED into an Ordinance this 15th day of July, 2015.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWNSHIP OF CHELTENHAM

By _____
Harvey Portner, President

ATTEST: _____
Bryan T. Havir, 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.
Wednesday, July 1, 2015
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