

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

Staff present were Alyson Elliott, Assistant Township Manager; John Frye, Police Chief; Joseph O'Neill, Fire Marshall; and Bryan T. Havar, Township Manager. A Public Attendance List is attached.

Mr. Norris called the meeting of the Public Safety Committee to order at 7:35 p.m.

1. **Report of the Police Chief**

- A. Police Chief Frye reviewed the Police Clearance and Juvenile Clearance Reports for the month of February 2017:
- B. Police Chief Frye presented an Ordinance amending the Vehicles and Traffic Code to delete a handicapped parking sign in front of 148 Mt. Carmel Avenue.

Recommendation to the Board of Commissioners: Upon motion of Mr. Norris, the Committee unanimously recommended the Board of Commissioners authorize the advertisement of its intent to consider the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 285 of the Township Code, thereof, entitled "Vehicle and Traffic" at its regularly-scheduled meeting on May 17, 2017.

- C. Police Chief Frye reviewed the last Police Athletic League (PAL) event held on Saturday, March 25, 2017 at Towers at Wyncote. PAL participants watched the movie Finding Dory and played a game of basketball in the gymnasium. After the movie and basketball game there was a pizza party for all PAL participants, approximately 30 youth participated for a successful event.
- D. **Recommendation to the Board of Commissioners:** Upon motion of Mr. Norris, the Committee unanimously recommend the Board of Commissioners present a Resolution honoring Auxiliary Police Director Steve Labor for 40 years of dedicated service at the April 19, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting.
- E. **Recommendation to the Board Commissioners:** Upon motion of Mr. Norris, the Committee unanimously recommend the Board of Commissioners present a Resolution honoring Retired Auxiliary Police Director Edwin Schweriner for 45 years of dedicated service at the April 19, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting.
- F. Ms. Rappoport inquired about Permit Parking on residential street surrounding train stations in the Township and their purpose. Police Chief Frye reviewed the policy stating that the Permit Parking was to deter commuters from parking on residential streets surrounding the train stations instead of in the SEPTA provided parking lots.

He also reviewed the process for verification of residency and the fee of \$10 for a 2 year permit. Ms. Rappoport, Mr. Sharkey and Mr. Brockington had a discussion about improving notification for new residents moving onto a street with required permit parking. Mr. Brockington stated that he would like further discussion about adding Permit Parking on Woodland Avenue in the Cheltenham section of Township, due to overflow parking from the ball fields. Mr. Havir stated that he and the Public Information Officer have been working on better communication via the Township website and new resident packets specifically for those streets requiring Permit Parking.

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

2. **Report of the Fire Marshal**

Fire Marshal O'Neill stated that the Township is doing well this year, fire calls are down. February was the slowest month for fire calls for Glenside Fire Company and March was the slowest month for fire calls for Cheltenham Fire Company.

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

3. **Report of the EMS Director**

Upon motion of Mr. Norris, the Committee unanimously received the Report of the Emergency Medical Services Director for the month of February 2017.

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

Upon motion of Mr. Norris, the Committee unanimously received the Report of the Emergency Management Coordinator for the month of March 2017.

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

- A. Mr. Havir announced that in accordance with Section 5.03b of the Township's Personnel Code Rules and Regulations the final nominated candidate for the vacant position of Deputy Chief of Police, Lieutenant John Weed, had been interviewed by the Civil Service Commission and the Civil Service members, Chief of Police and himself would like to recommend to the Public Safety Committee the promotion of Lieutenant Weed to Deputy Chief at the April 19, 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting.

Recommendation to the Board of Commissioners: Upon motion of Ms. Rappoport, the committee unanimously recommended to the Board of Commissioners that it consider appointing Lieutenant John Weed to the position of Deputy Chief at its regularly-scheduled meeting on April 19, 2017.

- B. Mr. Havir recommended that due to the promotion of Lieutenant John Weed to Deputy Chief, Sergeant Andrew Snyder be promoted to the then vacant Lieutenant position and that Officer Jeffrey Murphy be promoted to the then vacant Sergeant position.

Recommendation to the Board of Commissioners: Upon motion of Ms. Rappoport, the committee unanimously recommended that the Board of Commissioners consider promoting Sergeant Andrew Snyder to the position of Lieutenant and Officer Jeffrey Murphy to the position of Sergeant at its regularly-scheduled meeting on April 19, 2017.

Mr. Havir announced that the Promotional Ceremony for all police advancements would be held on Friday, May 12, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Glenside Hall.

Mr. Norris stated that the Board was pleased to be promoting from within the Department and they had reviewed cost savings measures of \$40,000 being made by Chief Frye in part due to a Sergeant retiring later this year and his position being replaced by an officer at that time promotions were possible for all these positions. He commended the Police Department for being outstanding.

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 8:10 p.m.



Bryan T. Havir
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, April 12, 2017

Cheltenham Township Administration Building
8230 Old York Road | Elkins Park, PA 19027

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