

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

Staff present were Alyson Elliott, Assistant Township Manager; John Weed, Deputy Chief of Police; Joseph O'Neill, Fire Marshal; 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.) **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, Vehicles and Traffic, Section 43, "Street and Parking Regulations" of the Township Code, removing handicapped parking signs at 1808 Erlen Road and 1806 Beech Avenue, and adding a handicapped parking sign at 1810 Beech Avenue and authorize the advertisement of its intention to consider the adoption of said ordinance at its regularly scheduled meeting on November 15, 2017.

b.) Deputy Chief Weed stated the 2nd Annual Police Open House was held on Friday, September 15, 2017 at the Police Station and was a huge success. Approximately 200 people attended the event. There were tours of the Police Station as well as demonstrations from the Police Department's K9 and SWAT units. Additionally, there was fire and EMS apparatus on display.

c.) Deputy Chief Weed gave an update on "Coffee With A Cop" held at the Creekside Co-op on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 which was also "National Coffee With A Cop Day". This event was very successful with approximately 40 people discussing many issues with the officers throughout the morning.

Mr. Norris and Deputy Chief Weed had a discussion about the increase year-to-date of Theft from Auto's, particularly in the past couple of weeks. Deputy Chief Weed stated the Police Department will do a social media blast reminding residents to lock vehicles when unattended and to keep all valuables out-of-view or not in their vehicle.

Ms. Rappoport and Mr. Sharkey discussed a need for community outreach regarding opioid addiction and overdoses. Deputy Chief Weed stated Montgomery County District Attorney Steele has an educational outreach program regarding drug addiction where District Attorney Office personnel, Montgomery County Detectives and overdose survivors will attend any community event and discuss how to prevent drug addiction and hands out information on where to seek rehabilitation. Additionally, there has been more prosecution by the District Attorney's Office of higher level drug dealer cases. Deputy Chief Weed reviewed the police statistical report showing an increase in the Cheltenham Police Department's Drug Violation arrests.

Mr. Mitch Zygmund-Felt of 35 Carter Lane, Elkins Park asked for assistance with increased traffic flow in the area of New Second Street and Ashbourne Road and New Second Street and Church Road while the construction work continues on Tookany Creek Parkway. Deputy Chief Weed stated the Police Department would put the speed trailers in the area.

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 August 2017.

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 August 2017.

Mr. Hellendall addressed the opioid overdoses with regard to Cheltenham EMS. He stated that paramedics responding to overdose incidents are giving the patient information provided by the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office on rehabilitation. Mr. Hellendall stated nationally Narcan, the medication used to reverse the affects of opioid overdose, is now available over the counter.

Mr. Hellendall stated the new billing rates authorized by the Board of Commissioners last month went into effect on 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 September 2017.

Mr. Sharkey recommended that a press release be sent out notifying the community that our public service responders including Police, Fire, EMS and Emergency Management are continually training for all types of emergencies, especially in the wake of the numerous hurricanes, wildfires and the recent incident in Las Vegas, Nevada. Mr. Hellendall stated he would develop a Press Release for distribution to the community.

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:

Mr. Havir updated the Committee regarding the LED street light replacement project. The lights are being installed from the west side of the Township to the east side of the Township. The project is back on track with an anticipated completion by the end of the year. To date there have been 371 lights updated, with approximately 500 to be completed by the end of the week. There are a total of 3200 street lights in the Township. The next progress meeting will be held with Township Staff on October 23, 2017.

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 8:00 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, October 11, 2017

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