

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

Staff present were Alyson Elliott, Assistant Township Manager; John Frye, 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**

Chief Frye reviewed the Police Clearance and Juvenile Clearance Reports for the month of October 2017.

Mr. Norris asked if any progress has been made on resolving a series of burglaries in Elkins Park. Chief Frye stated it was an ongoing investigation.

Ms. Rappoport thanked the Police Department for their efforts regarding traffic calming.

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

2. **Report of the Fire Marshal**

Mr. O'Neill reviewed the Fire Marshal's report for the month of October 2017.

Mr. O'Neill stated that Thanksgiving related fire calls were low. A house fire on Underwood Road occurred earlier today. The residents were able to exit the dwelling without injury and the Fire Department was able to bring the fire under control.

Mitchell Zygmund-Felt, Commissioner Elect, thanked Mr. O'Neill for providing information to the residents in the surrounding areas where the blasting was to occur for the Interceptor A Replacement Project.

Fred Milbert stated he would like a change in the procedure to force owners of properties that have significant fire damage to deal with those properties at a faster rate. Mr. O'Neill explained how the Township and Insurance Companies handle fire damaged properties in accordance with current ordinances and laws.

Upon motion of Mr. Pransky, 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 October 2017.

Mr. Hellendall stated that EMS has received the new State-mandated trip sheet implementation training before the January 1, 2018 deadline.

Upon motion of Mr. Pransky, 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 November 2017.

Upon motion of Mr. Pransky, the Committee unanimously received the Report of the Report of the Emergency Management Coordinator.

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

Mr. Havar stated that Staff is continuing to work on a traffic calming report which should be ready for review by the end of the first quarter.

6. **Old Business:** None.

7. **New Business:**

Rita Rosen Poley, 687 Meetinghouse Road, had concerns about the pedestrian safety crosswalks at High School Road and Montgomery Avenue and Park Avenue and Montgomery Avenue. Upon direction of Mr. Norris, Chief Frye stated he would have an officer from the Community Relations Unit as well as a Public Works Department Supervisor look into it.

Deb Campbell, 2 Hemlock Lane, had concerns about vehicles driving the wrong way on Wesley Avenue between Easton Road and Bickley Road. She requested additional "Do Not Enter" signs at Bickley Road. Upon direction of Mr. Norris, Chief Frye stated he would have an officer from the Community Relations Unit as well as a Public Works Department Supervisor look into it.

8. **Citizens' Forum:**

Joseph Stuckert, Chief of Glenside Fire Company, thanked the Board for providing an additional \$6,000 per Fire Company in the 2018 budget for recruitment and retention, as they are vital to keep the Fire Companies at volunteer status. The Board thanked all the Fire Companies for their service.

9. There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Norris, and unanimously approved by the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



Bryan T. Havar
Township Manager

as per Kathryn Gallagher



Meeting Attendance Sheet



Public Safety 7:30 PM
Public Affairs 7:45 PM
Finance 8:00 PM

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

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