

April 6, 2011
Curtis Hall

A regular meeting of the **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE** was held tonight, J. Andrew Sharkey, Chairman, presiding. Members present were Commissioners Hampton, Haywood, and Swavola. Also present was Ex-Officio Member Portner. Staff present were Joseph Bagley, Wisler Pearlstine LLC; Bryan T. Havir, Assistant Township Manager; Kenneth Hellendall, EMS Director; David M. Lynch, Director of Engineering, Zoning and Inspections; John J. Norris, Chief of Police; Kevin O'Brien, Deputy Chief of Police; Joseph O'Neill, Fire Marshal; and David G. Kraynik, Township Manager. A Public Attendance List is attached.

Mr. Sharkey called the meeting to order.

1. Chief Norris reviewed his Report for the month of February 2010.
2. The Committee reviewed a proposed Ordinance to the Traffic Code as follows:

ADD: Elkins Avenue, a Handicapped Zone at 617 Elkins Avenue to be effective for the duration period that the resident is eligible for said space.

3. Upon motion of Mr. Portner, and unanimously approved by the Committee, it was recommended to the Board of Commissioners the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 285, thereof, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" (see attached).

[Mr. Bagley joined the meeting at this time]

4. Chief Norris reviewed crime mapping that will be accessible to all residents. He reported that this is being funded by a two (2) year grant and will provide residents with information about crime activity in the various neighborhoods of the Township.

5. Chief Norris reviewed a Lojack Safety Net Program soon to be instituted in the Township. Said program allows for a rescue system designed to find and rescue people at risk of wandering and becoming lost, including those with autism, alzheimer's, down syndrome,

dementia and other cognitive disorders. There is a SafetyNet Bracelet attached to the wrist or ankle, which allows the police to track the individual. The Police Department has the equipment and officers' training has been completed. There will be a monthly charge to individuals who sign up for it.

6. Upon motion of Mr. Portner, and unanimously approved by the Committee, the Police Activity/Community Policing Unit, Clearance and Juvenile Contact Reports for the month of February, 2011 were accepted.

7. Mr. O'Neill gave an update on the PECO underground wiring on Easton Road. There was a past underground fire in the area. PECO's Montgomery County representative advised that the PECO Reliability Department has not yet responded but a response is anticipated in the near future. Mr. Sharkey asked that said response be placed on a Public Safety agenda when it becomes available.

8. Upon motion of Mr. Portner, and unanimously approved by the Committee, the Report of the Fire Marshal for the month of February, 2011 was accepted.

9. Mr. Hellendall reported that a new ambulance was delivered today.

Upon motion of Mr. Portner, and unanimously approved by the Committee, the Report of the EMS Director for the month of March, 2011 was accepted.

10. The Committee considered the award of a contract for a new roof for the Police Administration Building. Mr. Kraynik reported that bids were opened on February 22, 2011, and the low bid submitted is under budget. The alternative would be to make roof repairs instead, which would cost approximately \$5,000 to \$8,000 and would not have a warranty. This would allow time for the Commissioners to decide the future of the Police Administration Building.

11. Upon motion of Mr. Portner, and unanimously approved by the Committee, it is recommended to the Board of Commissions to reject all bids for a new roof at the police station as per bids opened on February 22, 2011.

12. Under Old Business: Ms. Hampton addressed the issue of traffic along the 100 block of Waverly Road as discussed at the Committee's March meeting. The road is being used as a traffic cut-thru, according to neighbors. LTAP (PennDOT's "Local Traffic Assistance Program") has reviewed the area but has not yet submitted recommendations. She felt that some interim action was needed while the Township waited for LTAP's response such as installation of a "No Left Turn" or "No Entry" onto Waverly Road from Glenside Avenue during peak morning and evening hours with the exception of public safety, emergency and school vehicles; a 4-Way Stop at Glenside and Hewett Roads; removal of the 4-Way Stop at Waverly Road and Glenside Avenue; and installation of a two-way Stop Signs at North and South Avenues. Ms. Hampton noted that there were grading issues at Hewett Road and Glenside Avenue but there are similar grading issues on various roads throughout the Township.

Mr. Sharkey asked about the timeframe for LTAP's response. Chief Norris responded that LTAP informed him that they were very busy and would try to provide the Township with a response as soon as possible. Mr. Sharkey stated that he understood Ms. Hampton's point of view but it was his opinion that the Township should not enact traffic measures that might worsen the situation before it hears from LTAP. If any action is taken, he felt it should be the correct action. He also felt that neighbors on the surrounding streets should have the opportunity to provide input, and when LTAP's recommendations are received, they should be placed on a future agenda of the Public Safety Committee. Mr. Hampton stated that she has researched case law, and there is insufficient case law that supports a municipality superseding PennDOT and LTAP guidelines but she will continue her research. Mr. Swavola asked about LTAP's

methodology, Chief Norris advised that LTAP physically reviewed the neighborhood, drew an overlay map, and counted traffic volume to formulate a plan to address the concern that Waverly Road is being used as a cut-thru street. Chief Norris also reviewed LTAP's past recommendations that resulted in the current Stop Signs.

There was a comment from the public:

Lisa Terry, 120 Waverly Road, felt that LTAP did not give any consideration to Waverly Road in the past, which has created the current situation.

13. Under Citizens' Forum:

Darlene Melton, 1829 Chelsea Road, expressed concern about bikes that have been attached to the Stop Sign at Penrose and Cheltenham Avenues, and it appears that loitering has begun in that area. She asked for police monitoring of the area.

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Portner, and unanimously approved by the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.



David G. Kraynik
Township Manager

as per Anna Marie Felix



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Public Safety Committee, 7:45 p.m.
Building and Zoning Committee, 8:00 p.m.
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ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHELTENHAM, CHAPTER 285 THEREOF, ENTITLED VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, BY AMENDING PARKING METER ZONES AND 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:

ELKINS AVENUE Q. HANDICAPPED PARKING at 617. This addition is effective for the duration period that this resident is eligible for a reserved handicapped space.

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 20th day of April, A.D., 2011.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWNSHIP OF CHELTENHAM

By _____
Harvey Portner, President

ATTEST: _____
David G. Kraynik, Secretary