

March 3, 2009
Township Building

A regular meeting of the **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE** was held tonight, Harvey Portner, Chairman, presiding. Members present were Commissioners McKeown, Muldawer, Sharkey, Simon and Swavola. Also present was Ex-Officio Member Greenwald. Staff present were Joseph Bagley, Wisler Pearlstine LLC; Bryan T. Havir, Assistant Township Manager; Kenneth Hellendall, EMS Director; John J. Norris, Chief of Police; Kevin O'Brien, Deputy Chief of Police; Joseph O'Neill, Fire Marshal; Ruth Littner Shaw, Main Street Manager; and David G. Kraynik, Township Manager. A Public Attendance List is attached.

Mr. Portner called the meeting to order.

1. Chief Norris reviewed the Police Activity/Community Policing Unit, Clearance and Juvenile Contact Reports for the month of January, 2009. He reported that a Dedication Ceremony will be held at the Police Administration on Monday, April 13, 2009, at 9 a.m. in honor of Officer Edgar L. Peterson who died in the line of duty as a result of injuries sustained when his patrol car struck a pole in the 300 block of W. Glenside Avenue on March 3, 1946. He was a 19-year member of the Police Department. Officer Peterson is recognized on the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington, DC. but has never been officially honored by the Township.

2. Upon motion of Mr. Greenwald, and unanimously approved by the Committee, the Police Activity/Community Policing Unit, Clearance and Juvenile Contact Reports for the month of January, 2009, were accepted.

3. Fire Marshal O'Neill reported that there is updated information about the Fire Department on the Township's website.

Upon motion of Mr. Greenwald, and unanimously approved by the Committee, the Report of the Fire Marshal for the month of February, 2009 was accepted.

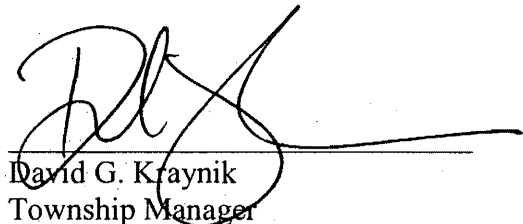
4. The Committee considered recommending a Resolution regarding the collection of payments to Emergency Medical Service (EMS) providers. Mr. Kraynik advised that it is increasingly difficult to collect revenues. This is an effort to amend state law so that it would allow for the better flow of revenue from insurance companies. Mr. Hellendall reported that insurance companies lobbied so that payments would go directly to the end-users and not the EMS provider. Representatives from various municipalities that have supported this Resolution will be presenting in Harrisburg.

5. Upon motion of Mr. Portner, and unanimously approved by the Committee, it is recommended to the Board of Commissioners the adoption of a Resolution supporting State action regarding payments to Emergency Medical Service providers (see attached).

6. Upon motion of Mr. Portner, and unanimously approved by the Committee, the Report of the EMS Director for the month of January, 2009 was accepted.

7. **Under Citizens' Forum:** Joseph Lewis, 1408 Wistar Drive, asked that a "Stop Sign" be replaced on Shoppers Lane at Route 309 by the Cheltenham Square Mall.

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



David G. Kraynik
Township Manager

per Anna Marie Felix



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Public Safety Committee, 7:30 p.m.
Building and Zoning Committee, 8 p.m.
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BOB & NANCY ELFANT	7812 FROEBEL RD. LAVEROCK, PA 19038	215-233-1041
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CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION NO. _____-09

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STATE ACTION TO ENSURE
PROMPT AND FAIR PAYMENTS TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL
SERVICE (AMBULANCE COMPANIES) PROVIDERS**

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's ambulance companies play a key role in local emergency medical response; and

WHEREAS, most ambulance companies fund the cost of their operations through payments for their services through insurance carriers; and

WHEREAS, it is often the case that insurance payments do not cover the full cost of the service provided; and

WHEREAS, many times insurance carriers pay the patient rather than the ambulance company, resulting in the payment to the ambulance company being delayed or never collected; and

WHEREAS, because insurance companies control how much is paid and when the payment is made, many ambulance companies annually recover only a fraction of the cost of billable services, resulting in operating deficits that threaten the ability of ambulance companies to continue to provide valuable services to the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners of Cheltenham Township supports efforts by members of the Pennsylvania General Assembly and the Governor to ensure that insurance payments for ambulance services are fair, covering the full cost of providing emergency care, and prompt, directing payments to the ambulance company rather than the patient; and further directs the Township Manager to forward a copy of this Resolution to Cheltenham Township's state-elected officials and Governor.

ADOPTED this 17th day of March, 2009.

TOWNSHIP OF CHELTENHAM
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Paul R. Greenwald, President

ATTEST:

David G. Kraynik
Township Manager and Secretary

