

Public Health & Safety Committee Meeting

Public Health & Safety Committee Members: Commissioner and Chair Charles M. Whiting; Commissioner R. Samuel Valenza, Commissioners Nicolas O. Scull, S. Michael Murphy, Chief of Police

- I. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order following the conclusion of the Finance & Administrative Committee Meeting at 8:20 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call:** Commissioners Whiting, Valenza and Scull; and Chief Murphy. Also present: David Dodies, Township Manager, and David J. Sander, Township Solicitor
- III. **Approval of Minutes - November 27, 2017:** The meeting minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.
- IV. **Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports:**
 - A. Police Department – Memorandum and Monthly Report - Chief Murphy highlighted the following:
 - Fraud was reported by victims who purchased items on Facebook.
 - A more sophisticated skimming device was discovered by Police who caution the public to check their bank and credit statements.
 - Commissioner Scull inquired on the status of Nixle text alerts and Chief Murphy stated that anyone can sign up at nixle.com for ongoing communication about events that directly affect residents such as traffic updates.
 - Commissioner Scull asked what is the best way to contact the Police with non-emergency issues. Chief Murphy stated that all callers are directed to dial 911 where the dispatch center will determine if it is a life-threatening situation and then assign a priority status. Chief Murphy will have the Township's LED sign on the corner of Route 611 and Park Avenue updated to remind the public of the 911 calling procedure.
 - Commissioner Spearing commented that Philadelphia still reserves a separate phone number to receive non-emergency issues.
 - B. Department of Emergency Services - Captain Ken Davidson stated the following:
 - Statistics and patterns remain consistent over the municipalities served from November through year end.
 - Staffing remains a high priority for all local and regional EMS agencies. There have been a few new hires with recruitment efforts working to boost staffing.
 - C. Second Alarmer's Association and Rescue Squad - Captain Ken Davidson made the following comments:
 - Narcan supplies were received earlier this month that were funded by a State grant. The Department has met with local legislators and representatives to continue work to find solutions that places patients into treatment.
 - Montgomery County Department of Public Safety hosted a meeting on December 8, 2018 for municipal leaders to introduce the use of GPS technology that will alert the closest ambulance company to respond to priority one calls.
 - An information session for new Commissioners will be scheduled that provides an overall detail of the Association's and Department's procedures.

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V. **Old Business** - Nothing to report.

VI. **New Business:**

- Mr. Dodies stated that PennDOT's design remains pending for signal improvements at Blair Mill and County Line Roads. Anton Kuhner of McMahan & Associates requested in a memo on behalf of PennDOT, that the Board of Commissioners complete an application and submit a resolution for authorization. PennDOT will perform and fund the work and the Township will be required to maintain the area.
- Commissioner Valenza commented that he met with residents of Greyhorse Road to discuss parked cars that are being damaged by passing cars. Chief Murphy will have the highway police officers evaluate and report data from the area.

VII. **Other Items** - Nothing to report.

VIII. **Visitor Comments** - Nothing to report.

IX. **Commissioner Comments:**

- Commissioner McFatrige inquired to the Committee on behalf of a resident's request to install a sign on Lori Lane that reads, "Private Lane", or "Do Not Enter". Chief Murphy stated that because it is a private road, the homeowner is responsible to install the sign, which it is not legally enforceable unless the property owner files a complaint and appears in court each time there is a trespass by a motor vehicle.
- Commissioner Whiting wished all residents a safe and enjoyable Super Bowl Sunday.

X. **Adjournment:** There being no further business for this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Kathleen Kristire.