

Public Health & Safety Committee Meeting

Public Health & Safety Committee Members: Commissioner and Committee Chair Charles M. Whiting, Commissioner R. Samuel Valenza, Commissioner Nicolas O. Scull, S. Michael Murphy, Chief of Police, John Fugelo, Captain/Emergency Services; Fire Marshall, Lee Perlmutter, Chief of Willow Grove Volunteer Fire Company

Announcements and Presentations

- I. **Call to order:** Commissioner and Committee Chair Whiting called the meeting to order following the conclusion of the Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting.
- II. **Roll Call:** Commissioner and Committee Chair Whiting, Commissioner Scull, Lieutenant Mark Drakeley, Captain Fugelo and Captain Thomas Winterberg. Absent: Commissioner Valenza, Chief Murphy and Chief Perlmutter. Also present: David A. Dodies, Township Manager, and Jennifer Prior, Township Solicitor.
- III. **Approval of Minutes - January 28, 2019:** The meeting minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.
- IV. **Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports - January 2019:**
 - A. Police Department – Memorandum and Monthly Report: Lieutenant Drakeley reviewed statistics and provided the following updates:
 - Two new Police Officers began their employment on January 28, 2019.
 - Officers attended medical marijuana training provided by the DUI Association and also attended a high-risk vehicle stops training offered by Institute for Law Enforcement Education.
 - Residents should be vigilant to check bank and credit card statements for unusual activity and be mindful of all unsolicited phone calls for scams. The Internal Revenue Service does not contact anyone by phone. Do not provide callers with date of birth, credit card numbers, bank account numbers, or social security numbers. If a credit card company calls to report suspicious activity on your account, call back the number on the reverse side of your credit card to verify your information.
 - CrimeReports.com internet portal lists all uniform crime reporting (UCR) activities that occur on a monthly basis in the Township.
 - Prescription drug drop box is located in the Police lobby and is accessible 24 hours a day.
 - B. Department of Emergency Services:
 - Captain Fugelo reviewed statistics from January 2019.
 - C. Second Alarmer's Association and Rescue Squad:
 - Chris Keyser, Platoon Supervisor, reviewed statistics and updates from January 2019:
 - Fund raising continues and more information can be found by calling 215-659-1885 or visiting the website at www.sars.org.
 - Anyone with outstanding EMS balances are encouraged to contact the SARS office to arrange for payments at 215-659-1885.
 - D. Willow Grove Volunteer Fire Company:

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- Captain Thomas Winterberg announced the monthly safety tip on pedestrian safety. Pedestrians are recommended to be visible to vehicles before crossing the street by making eye contact with drivers and never assume the right-of-way. If crosswalks are unavailable, find a well-lit area to cross and wait for a long-enough gap in traffic to proceed safely across the street. If sidewalks are unavailable, walk on the far side of the road facing the traffic to increase visibility to drivers. Wear light-colored, reflective clothing, and walk in well-lit areas. Be alert and aware of signs, signals, and traffic rules. Avoid looking at cell phones and wearing earphones. Pedestrians are prohibited to walk along highways or roadways.
 - Commissioner Spearing suggested that the Fire Company and Emergency Services provide recommendations about additional lighting needs relating to the Township's LED Street Light Conversion Project.

V. Old Business:

- A. Consider recommending to the Board of Commissioners at their Regular Meeting on March 4, 2019, approval to submit an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for changes to Traffic Signal at Welsh Road and Computer Avenue:
- Mr. Dodies stated that the Township owns and maintains this traffic light which will be affected by ongoing development in Upper Moreland. McMahon Associates has reviewed the timing changes for the traffic signal and recommends that the Board of Commissioners adopt a resolution that approves PennDOT make changes at Welsh Road which is a State highway.
 - The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners take action at their Regular Meeting on March 4, 2019, approval to submit an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for changes to Traffic Signal at Welsh Road and Computer Avenue.

VI. **New Business** - Nothing to report.

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

VIII. Visitor Comments:

- Barbara Krupa, a resident of 121 Summit Avenue, stated that she met with two Police Officers regarding her request at the January 28, 2019 Public Health & Safety Meeting to post a "No Parking" street sign in front of the fire hydrant at the corner of Summit Avenue and Easton Road and she inquired on the status of her request.
 - Lieutenant Drakeley stated that he will contact the Traffic Safety Unit on Tuesday, February 26, 2019, and he will call Ms. Krupa by 10:00 a.m. to provide her with an update on the signage.
 - Ms. Prior stated that the change is reflected in amendments to the Parking Ordinance to be discussed by the Board of Commissioners at the March 4, 2019 Regular Meeting.

IX. **Commissioner Comments** - Nothing to report.

X. **Adjournment:** There being no further business for this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted by: Kathleen Kristire.