

**Public Health & Safety Committee Meeting**

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

- I. **Call to order:** Commissioner and Chair Whiting called the meeting to order following the conclusion of the Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting at 8:00 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call:** Commissioner and Chair Whiting, Commissioners Valenza and Scull, and Chief Murphy. Also present: David A. Dodies, Township Manager, and Jennifer Prior, Township Solicitor.
- III. **Approval of Minutes - March 19, 2018:** 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 reviewed statistics and provided the following updates:
    - Probationary Police Officer Layla Cruz successfully completed her first FTO rotation and transitioned to her second FTO night tour.
    - The 2018 Consortium Entry Test, for anyone interested in a law enforcement career, can review the application and requirements online at [www.montcopolicetest.com](http://www.montcopolicetest.com).
    - Training sessions were completed on the use of force at safe vehicle stops.
    - Training sessions were completed at the International Law Enforcement Education and Training Conference on several disciplines.
    - Residents can register on "[crimereports.com](http://crimereports.com)" to obtain a snapshot of recent police activity.
    - Prescription drug drop box, located in the Police lobby, is accessible 24 hours per day.
    - Drug Enforcement Authority is sponsoring "Drug Take Back Day" on April 28, 2018.
  - B. Department of Emergency Services - Nothing to report.
  - C. Second Alarmers' Association and Rescue Squad - A representative for the Assistant Chief, Ken Davidson in his absence, reviewed statistics and provided updates.
- V. **Old Business:**
  - A. Compliance with Parking Ordinance – Ward 3 and Ward 4:
    - Chief Murphy reviewed a list of parking updates while viewing Google Maps.
    - The Committee agreed to post two-hour parking limits in the Township parking lot areas along Veterans Memorial Park.
      - Commissioner Lavelle inquired on the best way to slow and discourage cut through traffic on Barrett Road, as well as many neighborhood streets. Chief Murphy stated that the best solution is to allow parking on both sides of the street. The Committee agreed to post "No Parking" signs in the area of Veterans Memorial Park and a "No Parking Here To The Corner" sign at the intersection of Barrett and Moreland Roads.
- VI. **New Business:**

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A. **Courtesy Tickets**

- Chief Murphy stated that the Department suggests consolidating all warnings and notices into a single courtesy ticket document that includes violations of Township ordinances.
- Chief Murphy recommends drafting an ordinance to issue courtesy tickets for violations of Township ordinances and parking violations, thereby judiciously and more effectively performing enforcement without the necessity to book people into the system by bringing them into the Station to issue non-traffic citations. Residents can to pay a smaller fine than if they were to go to district court for a violation of a Township ordinance that requires a citation. The Committee agreed that Chief Murphy will coordinate with the Township Solicitor to draft an ordinance and will further proceed with steps necessary to implement a “Courtesy Tickets” program.

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

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

IX. **Commissioner Comments:**

- Commissioner Spearing thanked the Police Department for their involvement in the Parking Ordinance study and the Safe Schools Initiative.
- Commissioner Spearing encourages the community to become involved in the Safe Schools Initiative, which is a major issue.

X. **Adjournment:** There being no further business for this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Kathleen Kristire.