

**Upper Moreland Township
Committees Meetings
May 18, 2020 - Meeting Minutes**

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, Kenneth E. Davidson, Assistant Chief of Operations & Administration at Second Alarmers' Rescue Squad

- I. **Call to order:** Commissioner and Committee Chair Whiting called the meeting to order via audio conference call following adjournment of the Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting.
- II. **Roll Call:** Commissioner and Committee Chair Whiting, Commissioners Valenza and Scull, Chief Murphy, Captain Fugelo, Chief Davidson, Fire Chief Chuck Jones, Jr. Also present: Matthew H. Candland, Township Manager, and Sean Kilkenny, Township Solicitor.
- III. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - Commissioner Whiting stated that the **February 24, 2020** minutes were not attached and approval will continue to the June 22, 2020 Committee meeting. (The March 16, 2020 and April 20, 2020 meetings were canceled, and therefore there were no meeting minutes to consider.)
- IV. **Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports:**
 - A. Police Department – Memorandum and Monthly Report - Chief Murphy reviewed monthly statistics and reminders in the report.
 - B. Department of Emergency Services - Captain Fugelo reviewed statistics of the report.
 - Commissioner Spearing inquired on the availability of virtual training. Captain Fugelo stated that virtual trainings are offered through McNeil & Co. and Buck County Public Training Center, which are being fully utilized by the Department.
 - Commissioner Whiting thanked Captain Fugelo and the Department of Emergency Services for an outstanding job with all their services.
 - C. Second Alarmers' Association and Rescue Squad - Chief Davidson provided the following updates:
 - Emergency situations were lower than normal due to the COVID crisis.
 - Patients are sicker than normal by waiting longer before they call for help to avoid the hospital.
 - Employees have been working from home since the middle of March.
 - Training programs have been suspended along with ancillary and community services.
 - Commissioner Valenza inquired about the status of the legislation for direct payments from insurance companies. Chief Davidson stated that the Bill remains unresolved and he encourages everyone to contact State Representatives Tom Murt and Ben Sanchez to continue their support on this critical legislation.
 - Commissioner Whiting thanked the Second Alarmers for an outstanding job during the COVID-19 crisis.
- V. **Old Business** - nothing to report.

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

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

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

IX. **Commissioner Comments:**

- Commissioner Scull stated concerns about plans for a parade by the senior high school graduating class.
- Commissioner Whiting stated that various schools are presenting creative ways to celebrate graduating students and a further discussion about the parade will continue at the Executive Session, following the adjournment of tonight's Committees meeting.
- Chief Murphy stated that there are concerns over the parade; however, the Police Department will coordinate with the Hatboro Police Department and facilitate measures to ensure a safe event.
- Commissioner Whiting stated that the Board of Commissioners will take into consideration the concerns of Chief Murphy and Captain Fugelo regarding safety issues at the parade.
- Commissioner Whiting thanked first responders and administrative staff in the Township for their work. He wished a staff member in quarantine a speedy recovery.
- Commissioner Whiting reminded the public to stay safe by wearing a mask in public places and continue social distancing.
- Mr. Candland stated that the Board of Commissioners will hold an Executive Session at the adjournment of tonight's meeting to discuss personnel and legal matters.

X. **Adjournment:** There being no further business for this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.