

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 8:23 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call:** Commissioner and Chair Whiting, Commissioner Scull, and Chief Murphy. Absent: Commissioner Valenza. Also present: David A. Dodies, Township Manager, and Sean Kilkenny, Township Solicitor.
- III. **Approval of Minutes - April 16, 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 commented that the Radar Bill 2148 in the House of Representatives is out of Committee and waiting to be scheduled for a House floor vote. He stated his disappointment with the Bill that utilizes radar as an enforcement tool. He has written to Representative Thomas Murt and Representative Todd Stephens on the need for a tool that enhances public safety and allows local police to efficiently perform traffic and speed enforcement, especially in residential areas where it is extremely difficult.
 - Commissioner Lockard asked Chief Murphy to confirm the names of the Bills. Chief Murphy stated that he prefers Senate Bill 251 and is not in favor of House Bill 2148.
 - B. Department of Emergency Services - Nothing to report.
 - C. Second Alarmer's Association and Rescue Squad: A representative from Second Alarmer's reviewed the report's statistics and provided the following updates:
 - 2018-19 fundraiser is under way and can be accessed on their website. To date, approximately \$40,000 has been received. A mail campaign will be sent out by the second week of June.
 - Mission Lifeline Gold Plus recognition was received by the Association and is the highest honor awarded by the American Heart Association.
 - Four providers attended a class to care for police K-9s and they will work with various departments to establish policies for care and transport of sick and injured dogs.
 - Commissioner Scull inquired on the Mission Lifeline program and the Rescue Squad representative stated that the information is compiled from patient services rendered over the course of the year.
 - Commissioner Whiting commended the Second Alarmer's for their professional assistance and excellent care while he was transported to Abington Hospital during an incident he experienced this past year.
- V. **Old Business:**
 - A. Courtesy Tickets:
 - Chief Murphy stated that he is working with the Solicitor on the lengthy process and will provide an update at a future meeting of the Public Health & Safety Committee.
 - B. Compliance with Parking Ordinance – Ward 5, 6 and 7:
 - Chief Murphy reviewed 15 recommendations in Ward 5, three recommendations in

Ward 6 and four recommendations in Ward 7.

- Commissioner Whiting thanked Chief Murphy and his staff for their work on the project.
- Chief Murphy thanked Traffic Safety Officers Andrew Misner and Andrew Clauhs, as well as Sergeant Peter Ruddell, for their time and detailed work on this project.
 - Commissioner McFatrige commented on recommendations for Ward 5 regarding Winner Road and Newington Road. He will discuss his suggestions with Officer Misner.
 - Commissioner Lockard commented on recommendations for Ward 7 regarding Exton Road and the "no parking" on Orangemans to Bensal Roads. She also inquired on the status of parking safety issues between the schools. Chief Murphy stated that the roads between the schools are being monitored and warning cards are being issued. The Police are authorized to enforce those areas, without seeking School District permission. Anyone can report a parking issue by calling 911.
 - Commissioner Spearing inquired on the next steps for the recommendations. Chief Murphy stated that the data is broken down into four or five subsections and listed in the ordinance that will be drafted by the Solicitor. The draft ordinance will be reviewed at a future meeting of the Public Health & Safety Committee for a motion to consider at the Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners.
 - Commissioner Spearing suggested creating an awareness program by adding signage or painted curbing to intersection locations.

VI. New Business:

- A. The Committee moved a Resolution for consideration at the June 4, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners to establish Fire Zones and erect "No Parking in Fire Zones" signs by resolution, at the Asplundh Cancer Pavilion, 3941 Commerce Avenue; the Station at Willow Grove, 91 North York Road; and the YMCA at 3300 Davisville Road.
- Mr. Dodies stated that these locations are/were exactly as included on the Land Development plans and they have been reviewed and approved by Captain Fugelo for each project.

VII. Other Items - Nothing to report.

VIII. Visitor Comments - Nothing to report

IX. Commissioner Comments:

- Commissioner Whiting inquired with Chief Murphy on his opinion of reporting stolen and lost guns. Chief Murphy stated that there is not a tremendously high percentage of reported lost or stolen guns and he would prefer legislation passed at the State level.
- Commissioner McFatrige inquired on the status of the fire truck. Mr. Dodies stated the Public Health & Safety Committee needs to move for action to a Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners the purchase of the truck and to allocate the funds from the Bond Issue. The Committee directed Mr. Dodies to add this item to a future Public Health & Safety Committee meeting.
- Commissioner Spearing commented on responsible ownership of firearms and would like to expand the discussion at a future meeting of the Public Health & Safety Committee.

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

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Respectfully submitted by: Kathleen Kristire.