

## **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, Andy Block, Chief of Police, John Fugelo, Captain/Emergency Services/Fire Marshall, Kenneth E. Davidson, Assistant Chief of Operations & Administration at Second Alarmer's 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, Commissioner Scull; Absent: Commissioner Valenza. Also present: Chief Block, Captain Fugelo, Chief Davidson, Fire Chief Chuck Jones, Jr. Also present: Matthew H. Candland, Township Manager, and Alex Baumler, Township Solicitor.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** - May 18, 2020 and February 24, 2020 - 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 Block reviewed statistics and reminders.
    - Commissioner Scull inquired about graffiti at Woodlawn School. Chief Block stated that he will follow up on the issue.
  - B. Department of Emergency Services - Captain Fugelo reviewed statistics of the report.
  - C. Second Alarmer's Association and Rescue Squad - Chief Davidson provided the following updates:
    - Call volume remains down on injuries and accidents.
    - Thanks was given to the Paycheck Protection Program and private organizations such as Philly Fund, Rotary Clubs and Willow Grove Charities for donations that assisted with purchases of equipment.
    - House Bill 1347 is stalled but remains critical to EMS operations. Support is requested from State Representatives to pass the Bill.
    - Fund drive and subscription flyers have been mailed and the EMS is appreciative of any extra donations to help offset expenses. In Pennsylvania, the EMS system generates revenue in only three ways: fee for services with payments from insurance, media donations, and municipality assistance through taxes or their general fund.
    - On September 12, 2020, the Pennsylvania EMS Provider Foundation and the Pennsylvania Memorial Bike Riders will host a riding event to Harrisburg honoring the EMS victims of September 11, 2001 and the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - D. Willow Grove Volunteer Fire Company by Chief Chuck Jones, Jr.:
    - Grill safety tips include:
      - Always grill outside, away from the house, eaves and overhangs; keep children and pets at least 3 feet away from hot grills; clean grills and trays from grease and build up; never leave grills unattended; open grill lid before lighting; use only recommended starters and fluids and keep them away from children and heat sources; dispose cooled coals in a metal container.
    - Anyone interested in becoming a new member or volunteer can send an email to: [becomeamember@wgvfc.org](mailto:becomeamember@wgvfc.org).

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

VI. **New Business:**

- Commissioner Whiting welcomed Andy Block, the new Chief of Police.
- Chief Block stated that he is excited to work with the men and women of the Police Department to build relationships with the residents and business owners of the Township. He proposes to offer police academy programs, with approval by the Commissioners and Township Manager, where residents and police can learn to work together on initiatives and events throughout the year. One of his first initiatives is to meet with each police officer to learn about their career.
- Commissioner Whiting thanked Chief Michael Murphy for his many years of dedicated service to Upper Moreland Township.

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

VIII. **Visitor Comments:**

- Francis and Kathleen Carver, residents of 3045 Davisville Road, commented on speeding issues. They also reported that their mailbox had been damaged. Chief Block replied that the Traffic Officers will follow up with organized speed checks and also with the Carvers regarding their damaged mailbox.

IX. **Commissioner Comments:**

- Commissioner Spearing thanked the Police Department for oversight and assistance with the peaceful demonstrations during the protests earlier this month.
- Commissioner Spearing commented about speeding issues on Pioneer Road and thanked Mr. and Mrs. Carver for their feedback. He suggested that speed bumps or tables could be incorporated in the road surface.
- Commissioner Spearing stated that the Township building will reopen to the public with safety measures. Mr. Candland stated that when the building reopens on July 6, 2020, everyone is required to wear masks, maintain social distances of 6 feet as placed on the floors, and limit the number of people attending meetings in the Council Room.
- The Committee agreed to move forward with in-person meetings beginning with the July 6, 2020 Regular Meeting. This would also allow holding Zoning Hearing Board meetings.
- Commissioner Whiting thanked all first responders for performing their jobs during the pandemic and reminded everyone to wear face masks.

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

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.