

**Upper Moreland Township
Committees Meetings
July 20, 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, 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, Commissioners Valenza and Scull; Also present: Chief Block, Chief Davidson, Fire Chief Chuck Jones, Jr. Absent: Captain Fugelo. Also present: Matthew H. Candland, Township Manager, and Alex Baumler, Township Solicitor.
- III. **Approval of Minutes - June 22, 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 discussed reminders.
 - Commissioner Whiting announced that there will be a ceremonial swearing in of Chief Block to his position at the August 3, 2020 Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting.
 - B. Department of Emergency Services - Nothing to report.
 - C. Second Alarmer's Association and Rescue Squad - Chief Davidson provided the following updates:
 - Calls resumed close to the normal volume prior to the COVID-19 crisis.
 - The Montgomery County Grant is adding \$2,000 to their initial allocation.
 - The Association was awarded the FEMA Assistance for Fire Fighters Grant Supplement in the amount of \$35,000 that will be used to purchase three AeroClave cleaning systems with hookups for all the vehicles.
 - Applications were submitted to PA Department of Community & Economic Development for select essential workers who will receive hazard pay.
 - Local officials and the public's support continue to be corresponded for House Bill 1347.
 - Rapid testing for healthcare providers is being established.
 - D. Willow Grove Volunteer Fire Company by Chief Chuck Jones, Jr.:
 - Volunteers are essential and anyone interested in dedicating their time can send an email to: becomeamember@wgvfc.org.
 - Candle safety tips include:
 - Blow out candles before leaving a room or going to bed; keep one foot away from anything that can burn; use sturdy holders that won't tip over; place on uncluttered surface areas; keep away from hair and clothing; blow out candles before they get close to the bottom; never burn around oxygen tanks being used in the house; use battery operated lighting whenever there is a power outage.

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- V. **Old Business:**
- A. **Upper Moreland Township's Municipal and Police Building Assessment Report:**
- Mr. Candland stated that a capital plan will be prepared with recommendations, which will be discussed in an Executive Session by the Board of Commissioners prior to approval.
- VI. **New Business:**
- A. **Discussion on Upper Moreland Township's Fireworks Ordinance:**
- Chief Block discussed reasons to create the ordinance and Mr. Baumler explained language in the in the draft.
 - The Committee directed the Township Solicitor to draft an ordinance (based on the West Norriton Township model) and advertise as required, for action by the Board of Commissioners at the September 14, 2020 Regular Meeting.
- VII. **Other Items** - Nothing to report.
- VIII. **Visitor Comments** - Nothing to report.
- IX. **Commissioner Comments:**
- Chief Block wished Commissioner Whiting a happy birthday.
 - Commissioner Whiting reminded everyone to stay safe by wearing seatbelts and face masks.
 - Commissioner Whiting stated that the August 17, 2020 Public Health & Safety Committee meeting is canceled.
- X. **Adjournment:** There being no further business for this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.