

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, Andrew J. 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 Charles M. Whiting called the meeting to order following adjournment of the Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting.
- II. **Roll Call:** Commissioner and Committee Chair Whiting, Commissioners Valenza and Scull, Chief Block, Captain Fugelo, Fire Chief Chuck Jones, Jr. Absent: Chief Davidson. Also present were Matthew H. Candland, Township Manager, and Sean Kilkenny, Township Solicitor.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** - May 24, 2021 - The meeting minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.
- IV. **Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports:**
 - A. Police Department – Memorandum and Monthly Reports:
 - Commissioner Whiting congratulated Chief Block on his first anniversary with the Township's Police Department.
 - Chief Block reviewed all statistics, trainings, activities, public reminders and department promotions that occurred during the month.
 - Mr. Kilkenny provided a detailed legal opinion on the request to amend the Township's noise ordinance incorporating regulated decibel levels:
 - Commissioner Scull suggested licensing DJs that perform at events.
 - Chief Block explained that Officers respond to a complaint by discussing the issue with the responsible parties and continue to monitor their event.
 - Commissioner McFatridge reminded the Committee to avoid regulating decibel levels and that there was a previous case in which the Township incurred high costs that was settled out of court.
 - The Committee agreed with the opinion of Mr. Kilkenny.
 - B. Department of Emergency Services:
 - Captain Fugelo reviewed all statistics, trainings and activities for the month.
 - The Department participated with the Police Department in a parade honoring a 99-year-old fighter pilot.
 - C. Second Alarmer's Association and Rescue Squad:
 - Jonathan Klenk, Chief, reviewed statistics of calls and responses.
 - D. Willow Grove Volunteer Fire Company:
 - Captain Jones discussed safety tips for outside grills and reminded the public to place grills well away from the house and deck areas, keep children and pets away, never leave unattended, use manufacturer's cleaning recommendations, and light a grill with the lid open.

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- The Volunteer Fire Company is seeking new members and any interested individuals can email a formal request to: becomeamember@wgvfc.org. Residents can follow the Volunteer Fire Company on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

V. Old Business:

A. Consider the amended Solicitation and Peddling Ordinance for the Board of Commissioners' consideration and advertisement:

- Mr. Kilkenny explained that the Township received a letter stating that the Ordinance was out of compliance with current State law, the Constitution, and the Township's insurance carrier also recommended amendments that increase the hours for solicitation and peddling until 9 p.m. Residents can sign up on a Do Not Solicit registry.
- Chief Block stated that the Registry was started in May and to date there are 145 residents signed up. To register, visit the Township's website and type in "No Solicitation List" or email lgeliebter@uppermoreland.org. Residents can call 911 if they encounter a solicitor without a permit, or if a resident is on the No Solicitation List and a solicitor shows up at their door.
- Commissioner McFtridge directed Chief Block to provide the Commissioners with a written explanation regarding the No Solicitation List to be shared with their constituents.
- Commissioner Prousi inquired about various media to advertise the registry. Commissioner Whiting suggested that it is a task for a potential social media coordinator.

VI. New Business - Nothing to report.

VII. Other Items:

A. COVID-19 Update:

- Mr. Candland stated that there has been a total of 51 deaths since the beginning of the pandemic in the Township. Montgomery County has had 62% partial and full vaccinations to date. There are numerous facilities in the County that are giving out the vaccine.
- Commissioner Whiting commented that that the vaccine is available and recommended.

VIII. Visitor Comments - Nothing to report.

IX. Commissioner Comments:

- Commissioner Whiting wished everyone a safe holiday.

X. Adjournment: There being no further business for this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.

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