

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, Chuck Jones, Jr., Fire Chief of the Willow Grove Fire Department.

- 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, Assistant Chief Davidson. Absent: Fire Chief Chuck Jones, Jr. Also present were Matthew H. Candland, Township Manager, and Sean Kilkenny, Township Solicitor.
- III. **Approval of Minutes - September 27, 2021 -** The meeting minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.
- IV. **Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports - September:**
 - A. Police Department – Memorandum and Monthly Reports:
 - Chief Block discussed statistics from calls, crimes, offenses, arrests, investigations, citizen concerns and traffic.
 - An extensive list of community-oriented Police activities was reviewed from September and October.
 - An incident from October 10, 2021 was posted to social media, which was reviewed and confirmed that it did not involve Upper Moreland Police Officers, but instead occurred in Abington Township.
 - Ms. Houck, a resident of Deer Run Road, thanked Chief Block and the UMPD for their participation in the Food Truck Festival that benefited the Upper Moreland Schools.
 - B. Department of Emergency Services:
 - Captain Fugelo reviewed statistics of emergency responses, inspections, permits, activities and trainings for the month.
 - The Fire Department's Open House was a successful event that had approximately 150-200 participants.
 - C. Second Alarmer's Association and Rescue Squad - Nothing to report.
 - D. Willow Grove Fire Company:
 - Captain John Fugelo, in the absence of Chief Jones, reviewed safety tips on trick-or-treating during Halloween.
- V. **Old Business -** Nothing to report.
- VI. **New Business:**
 - A. **Consider establishing an ordinance restricting parking in front of the Upper Moreland Middle School located at 4000 Orangeman's Road, Hatboro, PA:**
 - Dr. Michael Roth, Superintendent, discussed safety concerns in the drop-off and pick-up areas and reviewed the solution to limit parking in front of the Middle School, which gives a larger line of site.

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- The Committee recommends that Board of Commissioners take action at their November 8, 2021 Regular Meeting.

VII. Presentation:

A. Emergency Management Services in Upper Moreland Township by Ken Davidson:

- Assistant Chief Ken Davidson gave a presentation explaining the current nationwide EMS staffing and funding crisis.
- Commissioner Spearing commented his support for an EMS tax and the need for staff and funding solutions.
- The Committee recommends a discussion at the November 6, 2021 Preliminary-Budget Workshop Meeting.

VII. Other Items:

A. COVID-19 Update:

- Mr. Candland stated that there has been a total of 2,428 cases with 56 deaths since the beginning of the pandemic in the Township. Montgomery County has 455,813 fully vaccinated (63% are 12 years of age and older and 76% are 65 years of age and older).

VIII. Visitor Comments - Nothing to report.

IX. Commissioner Comments - Nothing to report.

X. Adjournment: There being no further business for this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.