

Public Health & Safety Committee Meeting

Public Health & Safety Committee Members: Commissioner and Committee Chair Charles M. Whiting, Commissioner Kip McFatrige, Commissioner Nicolas O. Scull; Andrew J. Block, Chief of Police; Edward Glassman, Fire Chief; Kenneth E. Davidson, Assistant Chief Operations & Administration - Second Alarmer's Rescue Squad

- I. **Call to order:** Commissioner and Committee Chair Charles M. Whiting called the meeting to order.
- II. **Roll Call:** Commissioner and Committee Chair Whiting, Commissioners McFatrige and Scull. Police Chief Block, Fire Chief Glassman, Assistant Chief Davidson. Also present: Alex Baumler, Township Solicitor, Matthew H. Candland, Township Manager.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** – March 20, 2023 - The meeting minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.
- IV. **Presentation** – Nothing to report.
- V. **Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports – March 2023:**
 - A. Police Department – Memorandum and Monthly Reports: Chief Block discussed the following:
 - Statistics and details in his report.
 - Drug Take Back event and a food pantry collection will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2023 at the Giant Food Store on North York Road.
 - Citizens Police Academy will be held May 2, 2023 to June 13, 2023.
 - Commissioner McFatrige commented in surprise about the amount of \$1,400 collected in school bus stop fines during October 2022. Also noted the number of robberies and commended work on arrests between 2020 to present.
 - Commissioner Whiting expressed thanks to the Police Officers for all their work.
 - Commissioner Prousi inquired further about bus stop violations. Chief Block explained that educational information is posted to Crime Watch and on the Township’s website, but most violators are not residents.
 - B. Department of Emergency Services – Chief Glassman discussed the following:
 - Statistics and details in his report.
 - Collecting items at the food pantry event during the Drug Take Back event on Saturday, April 22, 2023, at the Giant Food Store on North York Road.
 - Discussed an educational news video related to the “Safe Driving and Reduced Speed Policy”, which has been updated in accordance with the International Association of Fire Chiefs.
 - Commissioner Spearing thanked Chief Glassman for the informative video and suggested upgrading traffic signal systems to help prevent accidents.
 - C. Second Alarmer’s Association and Rescue Squad – Assistant Chief Davidson reviewed the following:
 - Statistics and details in his reports.
 - There are currently two openings for Emergency Management Technicians and two openings for Paramedic positions.

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- On March 29, 2023, received delivery of the first of three new ambulances scheduled for this year. The model is a 2022 Ford F550 diesel ambulance at the cost of \$275,837.
- Fund Drive mailers will be sent out in May and donations can be accepted online.

VI. Old Business:

- A. Update on invoicing of spay/neuter procedure for feral cats:
- Chief Block reported that one feline was trapped and efforts will continue to maintain areas with feral cat issues.

VII. New Business – Nothing to report.

VIII. Other Items – Chief Block provided the following updates:

- A. Traffic Calming Study request for Ellis Road – Chief Block discussed the following:
- Traffic Unit Officers placed counters to collect data and it was determined that Police will continue with general enforcement on Ellis Road.
 - Commissioner Prousi commented that monitoring will continue and suggested alternate strategies.
 - Officer Tom Sokolis explained placement of stop signs and data from the traffic study.
 - Chief Block commented that legalized radar would be a reliable tool.
 - Officer Sokolis discussed in length traffic calming, bus stop violations, and education for the public.
 - Commissioner Spearing suggested striping in walking areas and intersections and commented on determining the blinking yellow light.
- B. Barrett and Easton Roads proposed parking restrictions:
- Chief Block explained that a meeting was held with the two businesses located on Barrett and Easton Roads regarding events that have led to traffic conflicts, and the decision to install no parking signs.
 - The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners at the May 1, 2023 Regular Meeting to approve no parking signs.
 - Commissioner Prousi thanked the businesses for working together in cooperation with the Police to resolve and traffic issues.

IX. Visitor Comments – Nothing to report.

X. Commissioner Comments – Nothing to report.

XI. Adjournment: There being no further business for this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.