

## **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 Kip McFatrige in the absence of Commissioner and Committee Chair Charles M. Whiting called the meeting to order.
- II. **Roll Call: Absent:** Commissioners McFatrige and Scull. Absent: Commissioner and Committee Chair Whiting. Also present: Police Chief Block, Fire Chief Glassman, Assistant Chief Davidson, Matthew H. Candland, Township Manager, Alex Baumler, Township Solicitor.
- III. **Approval of Minutes – May 22, 2023:**
  - The meeting minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.
- IV. **Presentation –** Nothing to report.
- V. **Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports – May 2023:**
  - A. Police Department – Memorandum and Monthly Reports: Chief Block discussed the following:
    - Statistics and details in his report.
    - A mock accreditation assessment was performed through the Pennsylvania Police Chief's Association. The final assessment by the State will be conducted in the Police Department on June 21<sup>st</sup> and June 22<sup>nd</sup>, and results are expected on July 25<sup>th</sup>.
    - The Committee commended the Police Department for work on the accreditation and for all their service to the community.
  - B. Department of Emergency Services – Chief Glassman discussed the following:
    - Statistics and details in his report.
    - Commissioner McFatrige commented on reduced number of fire calls. Chief Glassman explained that education, fire detectors, sprinklers, inspections, and quick response times contribute to a safer community.
  - C. Second Alarmer's Association and Rescue Squad – Assistant Chief Davidson reviewed the following:
    - Statistics and details of community events in his reports.
    - Monitoring drug incidents using Xylazine, which interferes with Narcan.
    - The fund drive continues and to-date have received \$3,690 in subscriptions and \$895 in donations.
    - Commissioner Prousi commended SARS and commented about the number of employment hours. Chief Davidson explained that competitive salary, paramedic programs and donations for EMT scholarships have begun to pay off, which build and retain new providers.
- VI. **Old Business –** Nothing to report.

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**VII. New Business:**

**A. State Fire Commissioner Grant Application:**

- Chief Glassman explained that the grant is due the end of June, awards up to \$100,000, has no match required and will be used for improvements to the Fire Department facilities.
- The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners approve ratification of the grant application at the July 10, 2023 Regular Meeting.

**VIII. Other Items** – Nothing to report.

**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 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.