

The regular meeting of the **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE** for February 2020 was held tonight, Chairman Brockington, presiding. Members present were Commissioners Areman, Holland, Pransky, Rappoport, and Zygmund-Felt and Ex-Officio member Norris.

Staff present were Bryan T. Havir, Township Manager; Alyson Elliott, Assistant Township Manager; John Frye, Chief of Police; Scott Lynch, Fire Marshal; and Ken Hellendall, EMS Director & EMA Coordinator. A Public Attendance List is attached.

Mr. Norris announced that after tonight's meetings the Board of Commissioners will meet in Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Mr. Brockington called the meeting of the Public Safety Committee to order at 7:35 p.m.

1. **Report of the Police Chief**

A. Chief Frye reviewed the Police Clearance and Juvenile Clearance Reports for the month of December 2019.

B. **Recommendation to the Board of Commissioners:** Upon motion of Ms. Rappoport, the Committee unanimously recommended the Board of Commissioners adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 285, Vehicles and Traffic, Section 285-43, "Street and Parking Regulations" of the Township Code to DELETE (1) Handicapped Parking in front of 144 South Keswick Avenue and (2) No Parking on Greenwood Avenue between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m., west side, 104' south of Fernbrook Avenue to 200' north of Fernbrook and ADD No Parking between Signs on Greenwood Avenue, west side, 104' north of Fernbrook Avenue to 200' north of Fernbrook Avenue at its regularly-scheduled meeting on March 18, 2020.

C. **Recommendation to the Board of Commissioners:** Upon motion of Ms. Rappoport, the Committee unanimously recommended that the Board of Commissioners authorize advertisement of its intention to consider the adoption of the aforementioned Ordinance amending Chapter 285, Vehicles and Traffic.

D. Announcements:

- 1) The Cheltenham Township Police Department is involved in a consortium test with an entry level exam for Police Officers of April 25, 2020. Applications for the exam will be available online beginning March 2, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. and applicants are not required to have ACT120 training prior to applying.

Mr. Brockington inquired about the cost for the exam. Chief Frye stated the cost is \$40.00 per applicant.

Mr. Areman asked what not requiring ACT120 meant for the applicants. Chief Frye stated that it allows for a larger, more diverse applicant pool and the Police Department would pay to send the hired candidate through the Police Academy if it has not already been through the Academy. Abington Police Department does not require ACT120 training and they have had a lot of success with recruiting. Abington Police Department held a recruiting event on Monday, February 10, 2020 to allow applicants to ask questions and learn the process.

Mr. Norris asked for clarification on the process for ranking candidates. Chief Frye explained that candidates are ranked based on exam scores, a pass/fail physical assessment and an oral interview.

Mr. Holland thanked the Police Department for their patrol in the area of Greenleaf at Cheltenham, especially for illegal parking in handicapped zones and fire zones near ShopRite.

Mr. Brockington inquired about theft from autos. Chief Frye stated there has been a recent rash of theft from autos, including two vehicles stolen from the same resident on Hilldale Road because the vehicles were unlocked with the keys inside. The Police Department has photographs of a suspect and will be meeting with the media on Thursday, February 13, 2020, to help identify the male in the photos.

- 2) Elkins Park School has invited the Police Department to take part in their Tie Ceremony as part of the graduation from the Leadership Academy on Thursday, February 27, 2020. The Police Department is proud to participate in this program again this year.

Upon the motion of Mr. Brockington, the Committee unanimously received the Report of the Chief of Police.

2. **Report of the Fire Marshal**

- A. Mr. Lynch reviewed the Fire Marshal's report for the month of December 2019, as well as the Fire Board Minutes from the January 2, 2020 Fire Board meeting.
 - 1) On January 22, 2020 Cheltenham Fire Company, along with NBC 10 News, hosted a viewing of *Chicago Fire*. The event was well attended and he thanked the Commissioners who were able to attend.
 - 2) Mr. Lynch passed along the Fire Chiefs' appreciation for the Commissioners attendance at the Fire Board meeting.
 - 3) The Fire Chiefs voted on and passed a policy for Lateral Transfer when a firefighter applies to transfer from one of the Township's Fire Departments to another. This policy will keep financial costs down with no new requirement for physicals, etc.
 - 4) Glenside Fire Company acquired their new engine, which is expected to be in service by mid-March. Glenside Fire Company's 1992 ladder truck was sold to Redline Fire Company in York County.
 - 5) La Mott Fire Company added three new members on probationary status and another applicant is in the process as well.
 - 6) There were 53 fewer calls of service between 2018 and 2019; however, the personnel numbers are up. The companies are doing well with recruitment and obtaining new volunteers. Glenside Fire Company has a new Chief: John P. McHugh will be sworn in at the February Board of Commissioners meeting next week.
 - 7) Mr. Goodman gave permission to all the fire companies to use the former Gerhard building as a training facility until it is demolished. Mr. Areman asked that the residents and area businesses have some sort of notification when the trainings will occur. Mr. Hellendall stated they would use the electric sign boards about a week prior to any training to let everyone in the area know of any upcoming drills or trainings. It will also be announced on the Township website and Facebook pages.
 - 8) Mr. Zygmund-Felt asked about the delay in the DCED study. Mr. Lynch stated that additional information was provided for 2017, 2018 and 2019, as well as a small amount of information from each fire company and the study should be sent to the state for review very soon.

Upon motion of Mr. Brockington, the Committee unanimously received the report of the Fire Marshal and the Minutes of the January 2, 2020 Fire Board Meeting.

3. **Report of the EMS Director**

The Committee reviewed the EMS report for the month of December 2019.

Mr. Hellendall provided clarification on revenues that were collected in 2019.

Upon motion of Mr. Brockington, the Committee unanimously received the Report of the Emergency Medical Services.

4. **Report of the Emergency Management Coordinator**

The Committee reviewed the Emergency Management report for the month of January 2020.

Mr. Hellendall announced that he and Deputy Coordinator Kim Kirschner have been asked to be the keynote speakers at the Eastern Pennsylvania Independent Schools.

Upon motion of Mr. Brockington, the Committee unanimously received the Report of the Emergency Management Coordinator.

5. **Report of the Township Manager:**

A. Mr. Havir notified the Committee that PennDOT will be working on the flashing lights for the “Expressway Ends” sign on Route 309 South near the Easton Road exit next week.

B. Mr. Havir responded to an inquiry about installing rumble strips on SB Route 309 to address speeding from the Easton Road ramp to Greenwood Avenue. PennDOT is evaluating the possibility of painting “Signal Ahead” in three of the travel lanes.

Upon motion of Mr. Brockington, the Committee unanimously received the Report of the Township Manager.

6. **Old Business:** None.

7. **New Business:** None.

8. **Citizens’ Forum:** None.

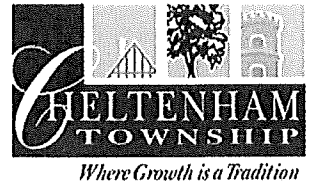
There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Norris, and unanimously approved by the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.



Bryan T. Havir
Township Manager
per Kathryn Gallagher



Meeting Attendance Sheet



Public Safety Committee-7:30 p.m.
 Public Affairs Committee-7:45 p.m.
 Finance Committee- 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

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