

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 following adjournment of the Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting.
- II. **Roll Call:** Commissioner and Committee Chair Whiting; Commissioners McFatrige and Scull; Police Chief Block; Fire Chief Glassman; Assistant Chief Davidson. Also present were: Randall Schaible, Assistant Township Manager/Director of Finance; Matthew H. Candland, Township Manager; Alex Baumler, Township Solicitor.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** - November 22, 2021 - The meeting minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.
- IV. **Announcements:**
Commissioner Whiting introduced Edward Glassman as the Township's new Fire Chief. Chief Glassman provided a brief background of his experiences and qualifications.
- V. **Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports - December 2021:**
 - A. Police Department – Memorandum and Monthly Reports - Chief Block discussed the following:
 - Statistics from calls, crimes, offenses, arrests, investigations, citizen concerns and traffic. Community-oriented police activities were also reviewed.
 - Commissioner McFatrige thanked Chief Block for the detailed activities of the officers.
 - B. Department of Emergency Services - Chief Glassman reviewed the following:
 - Statistics of emergency responses, inspections, permits, activities and trainings for the month.
 - Safety tips on smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.
 - C. Second Alarmer's Association and Rescue Squad - Chief Davidson reviewed the following:
 - Statistics of emergency responses, staffing and yearly comparisons.
 - Incentives offered by Willow Grove Charitable Fund to emergency responder personnel.
- VI. **Old Business:**
 - A. Police Department Accreditation - Separation from The Rodgers Group with a recommendation to engage Aspirant Consulting Group, LLC for accreditation services for the Upper Moreland Township Police Department:
 - Chief Block explained the rationale to continue the accreditation process with the current consultants who now work for the Aspirant Consulting Group, LLC.
 - The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners take action at the February 7,

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VII. New Business:

A. Liquefied Natural Gas Transport Resolution:

- The Committee shared concerns and potential consequences of transporting liquid natural gas through the Township.
- The Committee directed Mr. Baumler to draft a resolution.
- The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners take action at the February 7, 2022 Regular Meeting.

B. Recommendation to amend the Upper Moreland Township Civil Service Rules regarding the hiring from entry level lists for police officers and firefighters:

- The Committee held a lengthy discussion on the proposed amendments to the Rules and next steps of the Civil Service Commission to review changes and provide their recommendation to the Board of Commissioners.

VIII. Other Items:

A. COVID-19 Update:

- Mr. Candland reported that Montgomery County has approximately 516,448 fully vaccinated and 137,000 partially vaccinated. In Upper Moreland Township, approximately 3,846 residents have been infected with COVID and there were 63 deaths, since the beginning of the pandemic.
- A mask mandate and social distancing continues for visitors in the Township Building.

IX. Visitor Comments - Nothing to report.

X. Commissioner Comments:

- Commissioner Whiting asked the Finance & Administrative Committee and the Parks and Recreation Committee to be attentive to the meeting time in order to allow the Public Health & Safety Committee an adequate opportunity for discussions of their agenda items.

XI. Adjournment: There being no further business for this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.