

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** - January 24, 2022 - The meeting minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.
- IV. **Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports - January 2022:**
 - A. Police Department – Memorandum and Monthly Reports - Chief Block discussed the following:
 - Statistics from calls, crimes, offenses, arrests, investigations, citizen concerns and traffic.
 - A list of community-oriented police activities was also reviewed.
 - Officer Megan Padua resigned from the Department on February 5, 2022 to pursue a civil service job in the U.S. Postal Service, due to trends in the law enforcement field.
 - 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 indoor heating appliances and to check smoke and carbon monoxide detectors weekly.
 - C. Second Alarmer’s Association and Rescue Squad - Chief Davidson reviewed the following:
 - Statistics of emergency responses, staffing issues, yearly comparisons, and trainings.
 - There are four full-time positions currently open.
 - Commissioner Whiting commented support to fund staffing.
- V. **Old Business:**
 - A. Portable Basketball Hoops Update:
 - Chief Block explained that there are two locations on Silver Lane which were given notification that remain in violation. The hoops must be removed either by the owners or the Township.
 - The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners take action at the March 7, 2022 Regular Meeting.
- VI. **New Business** - Nothing to report.

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VII. Other Items:

A. COVID-19 Update:

- Mr. Candland reported that Montgomery County has approximately 526,671 fully vaccinated residents. In Upper Moreland Township there were 70 deaths, since the beginning of the pandemic.
- Masks are optional for visitors and staff in the Township Building.

VIII. Visitor Comments - Nothing to report.

IX. Commissioner Comments:

- Commissioner McFtridge announced that the Board of Commissioners met in an Executive Session prior to tonight's meeting to discuss personnel matters.
- Commissioner Spearing commented concerns on lawn signs posted intentionally on properties and suggested removal and citing for littering. Mr. Baumler and the Committee held a lengthy discussion regarding changing regulations in the ordinance.

XI. Adjournment: There being no further business for this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.