

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 Finance & Administrative 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; Sean Kilkenny, Township Solicitor.
- III. **Approval of Minutes** - February 28, 2022 - The meeting minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.
- IV. **Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports - February 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.
 - 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 outside chimneys, outside fires and special attention to children around these areas.
 - C. Second Alarmer’s Association and Rescue Squad - Chief Davidson reviewed the following:
 - Statistics of emergency responses, staffing issues, yearly comparisons, trainings and funding.
 - Four full-time paramedic positions remain vacant.
 - Information on EMT testing is available on the sars.org site.
 - Commissioner Spearing requested information on previous payment models for SARS. Chief Davidson explained that there has been some success with an Authority model in areas of western Pennsylvania, and further discussed differences in the direct payment model and the Medicare payment.
- V. **Old Business**
- VI. **New Business** - Nothing to report.

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VII. Other Items:

A. Fire Station Renovation Proposal:

- Mr. Candland explained three primary goals for evaluation by KCBA Architects:
 - Integrate new overnight spaces to accommodate a full-time residential program with bunks and bathrooms, which will help to reinvigorate the volunteer staff and paid staff during nighttime coverage.
 - Explore a new front entrance, and
 - Establish ADA access to the upper level with an elevator.
- The fixed fee and a cost estimate will be \$9,260.
- Gilmore & Associates can perform a structural review of the retaining wall, at a lesser cost than KCBA.
- Commissioner Scull commented support for an elevator to the second floor.
- The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners take action at the April 4, 2022 Regular Meeting.

B. Relocation of Davisville Road Flood Gate:

- Mr. Candland discussed moving the flood gate by Carson Simpson Farm to just below the traffic signal by the YMCA, which will allow traffic to turn around in the YMCA parking lot. The work will be completed by the Public Works crew.
- The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners take action at the April 4, 2022 Regular Meeting.

VIII. Visitor Comments - Nothing to report.

IX. Commissioner Comments:

- Chief Block asked everyone to remember the Pennsylvania State Police Troopers Martin F. Mack and Branden T. Sisca, who were killed in an accident on I-95 during the early morning hours.

XI. Adjournment: There being no further business for this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.