

Public Health & Safety Committee Meeting

Public Health & Safety Committee Members: Commissioner and Committee Chair Charles M. Whiting, Commissioner Kip McFatridge, 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 McFatridge and Scull, Police Chief Block, Assistant Chief Davidson. Absent: Fire Chief Glassman. Also present were: Randall Schaible, Assistant Township Manager/Director of Finance, Matthew H. Candland, Township Manager, Alex Baumler, Township Solicitor.

- III. **Approval of Minutes** – April 18, 2022 - The meeting minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

- IV. **Acceptance and approval of the following monthly reports - April 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 and officer trainings was also reviewed.
 - B. Department of Emergency Services – Nothing additional to report.
 - C. Second Alarmer’s Association and Rescue Squad - Chief Davidson reviewed the following:
 - Statistics for emergency responses, opioid incidents, transportations, patients' outcomes, yearly comparisons, staffing, trainings and funding.
 - Five full-time paramedic positions remain vacant.
 - Notified by The Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) that certification was approved and \$37,237 will be allocated equally to all EMS agencies within the state of Pennsylvania provided by the \$25M Act 10 Legislation.
 - A grant application to American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was submitted to provide funding for consultants services to research information to advise further on the development of a regional EMS Authority.
 - Commissioner Spearing requested that the Board of Commissioners be included in the process. Chief Davidson explained that the application was expedited pursuant to directives from the last Committee Meeting, meetings with Representatives Guentz and Sanchez, and an approaching deadline.
 - Commissioners Prousi and Scull commended the SAARS Board for initiating an acquisition of information on developing an authority.
 - Commissioner Whiting reminded that all parties be in communication with each other.

- V. **Old Business** – Nothing to report.

VI. New Business:

A. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) - Montgomery County SWAT and Central Bucks Special Response Team:

- Commissioner Prousi inquired on additional proposed joint ventures with departments or institutions. Chief Block replied that there is a potential MOU with the DUI task force.
- The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners take action at the June 6, 2022 Regular Meeting.

B. BUSPATROL – Traffic Management System:

- Chief Block explained that the camera system will record and report school bus violations for the Police Department to issue citations. There is no cost and participation is required by the School District with the Police Department. From the total of each citation, the Police Department receives \$25, the School District receives \$100 and BusPatrol collects the remaining balance.
- Commissioner Whiting inquired about informing the public. Chief Block replied that media bits will be projected and announcements provided from the School District. Also, proposing a grace period during the first months, where warnings be given out.
- Commissioner Spearing commented on the need for safety cameras inside school buses.
- The Committee approved and recommends the Board take action at their June 6, 2022 Regular Meeting.

C. Newington Drive – Parking Signs:

- Residents of Newington Drive requested a review of their concerns regarding the removal of street signs, safety and devaluation of their properties.
- Commissioner Spearing commented concerns on parking in the intersection, which is a violation.
- Mr. Baumler advised that the Ordinance must be advertised at least 10 days prior to moving forward.
- The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners take action at the July 11, 2022 Regular Meeting.

VII. Other Items - Nothing to report.

VIII. Visitor Comments - Nothing to report.

IX. Commissioner Comments – Nothing to report.

XI. Adjournment: There being no further business for this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.