

The stated meeting of the Public Safety Committee of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington was held on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at the Township Administration Building, Abington, PA., with Commissioner Schreiber presiding.

CALL TO ORDER: 8:23 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Commissioners SCHREIBER, DiPLACIDO, ROTHMAN, THOMPSON, VAHEY

Township Manager MANFREDI
Assistant Township Manager WEHMEYER
Township Solicitor CLARKE
Chief of Police MOLLOY
Traffic Safety Officer FREED

Also Present: Commissioners LUKER, KLINE, HECKER, MYERS, ROTHMAN, SANCHEZ, GILLESPIE, SPIEGELMAN, ZAPPONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner DiPlacido to approve the minutes of the January 31, 2018 Public Safety Committee Meeting.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

Police Department Report:

Chief Molloy reported that an arrest took place on February 3, 2018 by a number of our officers in Lower Merion on a complex investigation involving a jurisdictional crime and 20 burglaries in Abington will be cleared. This case will now be handled by the D.A.'s Office.

Regarding the school shooting in Parkland, Florida, Dr. Sichel invited Abington Police Officers to their School Board meeting last night and Commissioners Kline and Spiegelman were there as well. Highlighted was the great work being done by our School Resource Officers and our Emergency Management Coordinator.

Springtime will be here soon and he warned residents about transient criminals who prey on the elderly as well as others with driveway scams and diversionary burglaries.

Also, there will be a "Real Diamond" Concert held on March 10th at the Keswick Theater at 7:30 p.m. that supports all activities of PAL (Police Athletic League) Program and there will be a "Designer Bag Bingo" event on March 9th at the VFW at 6 p.m.

Commissioner Schreiber asked for info to be sent to residents about phone call scams.

Chief Molloy agreed.

Commissioner Schreiber acknowledged Rich Garrett, Second Alarmers, who was present to answer any questions by the Board. Also, our Fire Board meeting was held earlier this evening and Dave Schramm and John Rohrer will be giving a future presentation on statistics from the Fire Department.

PRESENTATION: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item PS-01-030818:

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner DiPlacido authorizing Township officials to accept a grant from the North Central Highway Safety Network, Inc. in the amount of \$15,000.00 with the Township's matching portion of \$1,000.00. The Township's match will cover the Social Security cost of the officers working the grant as this expense is not covered by the grant. At the conclusion of the grant, the social security expense will be transferred to Account No. 01-04-044-5110.

Commissioner Schreiber asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

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MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Commissioner Schreiber asked for any general comments related to Public Safety.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, asked about a letter sent to Labor & Industry in regards to having the firewalls ordinance continued.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Manfredi, Township Manager/Secretary

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