

The stated meeting of the Public Safety Committee of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington was held on Wednesday, July 1, 2015 at the Township Administration Building, Abington, PA., with Commissioner Schreiber presiding.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Commissioners SCHREIBER, DiPLACIDO, KALINOSKI, BOWMAN, FARREN, SR.

Township Manager LEFEVRE
Assistant Township Manager WEHMEYER
Township Solicitor CLARKE
Fire Marshal CLARK
Chief of Police KELLY
Traffic Safety Officer FREED

Also Present: Commissioners LUKER, MYERS, HECKER, ZAPPONE, GILLESPIE, SANCHEZ, JONES

MINUTES: Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Bowman to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2015 Public Safety Committee Meeting.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

Commissioner Schreiber recognized Rich Garrett of the Second Alarmers, who was present to answer any questions by the Board.

Police Department Report:

Chief Kelly introduced Mr. Charles Shorday, who is a distinguished and well-recognized businessman in our Township to the Board. Many years ago when CAPT was first formed, Mr. Shorday was one of the first members of that committee, and since that time, Mr. Shorday and his family have donated a PAL van used to transport children to our PAL activities. Mr. Shorday was chosen to be "Chief for the Day," which was today, and he had a chance to see the Chief in action all day and that is why he is present at tonight's meeting.

On behalf of the children and members of PAL, Chief Kelly presented Mr. Charles Shorday with a jacket for the work that he has done for PAL and Abington Township over the years.

Traffic Safety Officer Freed reported that the June Traffic Safety Blitz has just ended and he thanked the residents and the Board of Commissioners for their participation in the program. Lawn signs were posted and special enforcement was done at numerous locations within the Township. Post-enforcement surveys are in the process of being done; however, the numbers will be lower than usual due to heavy construction work being done at certain enforcement locations. Overall, the traffic safety blitz was a success and the Board will receive information about it in their packet next month. All lawn signs need to be removed per Township ordinance.

Chief Kelly continued that there is a special program called, Everbridge that helps municipalities communicate with residents about emergencies and disasters. Montgomery County was able to have the five-county Terrorism Task Force pay for this program and it's available in all five counties and will be offered to Abington Township for free. A presentation will be made before the committee in September in regards to how it works.

Today is the first day to sign up for ReadyMontco so residents can discern what notifications they would like to receive and a form will be passed out for signups. We will help any citizen that needs help signing up.

Ordinance No. 3001 – To Amend Chapter 156 (“Vehicles and Traffic”), Article III – (“Parking Regulations”), Section 25 “Parking Prohibited At All Times; No Parking Between Signs; No Parking Here to Corner; Parking Prohibited Except Certain Hours; No Stopping Or Standing” and Section 28 – (Special Purpose Parking Zones)

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to adopt Ordinance No. 3001 amending Chapter 156 (“Vehicles and Traffic”), Article III – (“Parking Regulations”), Section 25 “Parking Prohibited At All Times; No Parking Between Signs; No Parking Here to Corner; Parking Prohibited Except Certain Hours; No Stopping Or Standing”) and Section 28 – (Special Purpose Parking Zones) at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners on July 9, 2015.

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

Commissioner Schreiber asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

Ordinance No. 3002 - To Amend Chapter 156 (“Vehicles and Traffic”), Article III – (“Parking Regulations”), Section 25 “Parking Prohibited At All Times; No Parking Between Signs; No Parking Here to Corner; Parking Prohibited Except Certain Hours; No Stopping or Standing”

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to advertise Ordinance No. 3002 amending Chapter 156 (“Vehicles and Traffic”), Article III (“Parking Regulations”), Section 25 – “Parking Prohibited At All Times; No Parking Between Signs; No Parking Here to Corner; Parking Prohibited Except Certain Hours; No Stopping or Standing” for adoption at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners on August 13, 2015 at 7:30 P.M.

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

Commissioner Schreiber asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

First Conditional Appointment – Probationary Police Officer

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to appoint candidate Adrian McMenamin from the Certified Civil Service Eligibility List to the position of Probationary Police Officer provided he successfully completes the Background, Physical and Psychological tests and all entry requirements of the Municipal Police Officers’ Education and Training Commission for Act 120 Training. Appointment will be effective September 28, 2015.

Commissioner Schreiber called on Chief Kelly.

Chief Kelly noted that Items PS3 and PS4 are replacements for retired officers.

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

Commissioner Schreiber asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

Second Conditional Appointment – Probationary Police Officer

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner DiPlacido to appoint candidate Marc Laing from the Certified Civil Service Eligibility List to the position of Probationary Police Officer provided he successfully completes the Background, Physical and Psychological tests and all entry requirements of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission for Act 120 Training. Appointment will be effective September 28, 2015.

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

Commissioner Schreiber asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

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

Commissioner Zappone thanked Traffic Safety Officer Freed for attending his community meeting last week. Would a speed bump in the area between Susquehanna Road and Meyer Avenue help?

Traffic Safety Officer Freed replied he would need to do a speed survey to see exactly what the speed is; however, he is not sure if there is enough space for a speed bump between Susquehanna Road and Meyer Avenue.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael LeFevre, Township Manager

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