

The stated meeting of the Public Safety Committee of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington was held on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at the Township Administration Building, Abington, PA., with Commissioner Schreiber presiding.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:53 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Commissioners SCHREIBER, DiPLACIDO, BOWMAN, SPIEGELMAN, KALINOSKI

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

Also Present: Commissioners LUKER, KLINE, HECKER, FARREN, MYERS, SANCHEZ, MARKMAN, ZAPPONE, GILLESPIE

MINUTES: Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to approve the minutes of the Public Safety Committee Meeting of March 1, 2017.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

Police Department Report:

Chief Livingood reported that previously, we spoke about steps that have been taken in response to attacks and incidents occurring at cemeteries and religious institutions and he provided a report on an update on active shooter training, security assessments and training exercises. Over the last few years, a total of 84 trainings and/or assessments were completed and accomplished in addition to normal routine duties.

On January 20, 2017, a press release was posted about five men who were arrested and charged with a series of high-end burglaries in Abington as well as other jurisdictions. One of these burglaries occurred on August 28, 2015 at a residence on Jericho Road in Abington and one of the five men arrested has been identified as the “fence” of stolen property. The Police Task Force issued a series of search warrants including three of them on Jewelers Row in Philadelphia. Approximately 115,000 pieces of jewelry worth millions of dollars and a press release by Montgomery County District Attorney was previously distributed regarding this incident.

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

Ordinance No. 2137 – 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 adopt Ordinance No. 2137 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) at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners on April 13, 2017 at 7:30 PM.

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

Commissioner Schreiber asked for public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

Ordinance No. 2138 - To Amend Chapter 156 (Vehicles and Traffic), Article II (Traffic Regulations) Section 14 – (Stop Intersections) and 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 amend Chapter 156 (Vehicles and Traffic), Article II (Traffic Regulations) Section 14 – (Stop Intersections) and 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 May 11, 2017 at 7:30 PM.

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

Commissioner Schreiber asked for public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

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

Commissioner Zappone stated that the Second Alarmers are having their fundraising drive and he asked that all Township residents support this campaign. The fine men and women of our Second Alarmers are always there when we need them, and if everyone could participate, it would be a wonderful thing.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, expressed concern about “scam” telephone calls made to her home. Also, she asked for solicitors to wear permits while in the neighborhood.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael LeFevre, Township Manager

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