

The stated meeting of the Public Safety Committee of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington was held on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at the Township Administration Building, Abington, PA., with Commissioner Schreiber presiding.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:33 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, BRODSKY

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Vahey made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner DiPlacido to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2018 Public Safety Committee Meeting.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

Police Department Report:

Chief Molloy said over the past two weeks, there has been department-wide training and he thanked members of the HRC who assisted in that training. During that training time, 60 commendations were presented recognizing the great work by the officers. Emergency Management Coordinator Tom McAneney along with SWAT Officers and other instructors conducted active shooter response training to School District Officials as well as other organizations in the Township.

Regarding Community Policing, we have our D.A.R.E. Graduation that will be held tomorrow evening, May 3rd at the Abington Senior High and parochial school graduation will be held on May 16th and the 24-Hour Relay Challenge organized by CAPT will be held on Saturday, May 19th. Also, Traffic Safety Blitz will take place beginning in June and Officer Freed has the signs.

Also, the department is pursuing a body camera program, and due to recent events, we are about to put two training cameras on the streets at specific locations.

And, there has been an arrest of two individuals who defrauded an elderly couple in Willow Grove and Fox 29 News picked up this story and will pay for the ramp to be installed.

Commissioner Myers commented that this was a stellar, incredible job done by Sergeant Detective Greg Urban as this case took over a year. These were handicapped senior citizens who were both in wheelchairs and who contracted with these individuals to build a ramp so they could get in/out of their home. This couple was defrauded as they gave these individuals a significant deposit and those individuals fled with it. The Abington Police Department went above and beyond to bring those criminals to justice and she is hugely impressed and extremely grateful.

Commissioner Schreiber acknowledged that Fire Marshal Rohrer and Rich Garrett, Second Alarmers were here this evening to answer any questions by the Board.

PRESENTATION: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, commented that she feels the new agenda is confusing.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Manfredi, Township Manager/Secretary

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