

The stated meeting of the Public Safety Committee of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington was held on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at the Township Administration Building, Abington, PA., with Commissioner Schreiber presiding.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:40 p.m.

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

Township Manager MANFREDI
Assistant Township Manager WEHMEYER
Township Solicitor CLARKE
Police Chief MOLLOY

Also Present: Commissioners LUKER, KLINE, BOWMAN, ZAPPONE, BRODSKY, CARSWELL, GILLESPIE, MYERS, SPIEGELMAN

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner DiPlacido to approve the minutes of the Public Safety Committee meeting of December 5, 2018.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

Police Department Report:

Chief Molloy reported that today, he was at the District Attorney's Office where a press release was announced of the arrest of 14 physicians. The department has an officer assigned to the Diversion Task Force that targets physicians and others in the medical field who push opioids and those arrests aid in the number of overdoses going down; however, unfortunately, the use of methamphetamines are increasing in the area. He thanked the Board for their support of the department's Task Force Officers.

Regarding body cameras previously presented to the Board by Lt. Porter a few months ago; reps of AXON Company conducted training for every platoon and now we have certified instructors at each level of the department. Over the next several weeks, we will be implementing that program and he will bring final policy/procedures before the Board. We would like the public to be aware of it, so we will hold some type of forum where residents will be informed about this technology.

Commissioner DiPlacido noted that all of our police officers carry Narcan and they are trained to use it, which also contributes to overdose numbers going down.

PRESENTATION: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item PS-01-021419:

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner DiPlacido to advertise Ordinance No. 2164 amending 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,” add “Stop” intersections on Lafayette Avenue, Cherokee Avenue, Moredon Road and Keswick Avenue; add “No Parking Here To Corner” on Keswick Avenue; add “ No Parking” on Brown Avenue; all as fully set forth in the ordinance.

Commissioner Schreiber asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Commissioner Vahey noted that this includes a four-way “Stop” sign at Keswick and Menlo Avenues and further information will be distributed to residents of that area.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

Manager Manfredi said Item #2 is not listed on the agenda because the police department received notification that required approval is by February 25th, which was after the agenda closed. So this is being added to keep it procedurally accurate and for the Board to review and then consider action at its meeting next week. It is a Pennsylvania Aggressive Driving Enforcement Education Project grant, “Buckle Up USA” administered by an agency from Pottstown. Cost to Township is \$1,000.00 and this matter is routine and non-controversial and has been in practice since 2015.

Commissioner Schreiber clarified that the Township has received this grant previously. Is that correct?

Manager Manfredi replied yes, since 2015.

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

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

Commissioner Schreiber said that item will be moved to next week's Board agenda. Also, she acknowledged that Fire Marshal Rohrer and Ken Davidson, Second Alarmers, who were in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT – general matters relating to Public Safety. None.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Manfredi, Township Manager/Secretary

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