

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT – FEBRUARY 10, 2020

Members: Reinhold, Chairperson, Ressler, Richard, Zimmerman (Alternate)

Attendees: Reinhold, Ressler, Richard, Rowe, Thompson, Mowen, Barr, Shumaker, and Citizen (2)

The Public Safety Committee met on January 20, 2020 at 6:30 PM and discussed the following:

Action Items: None

Discussion Items:

- 1. Civil Service Report** – Lt. Shumaker presented the Civil Service Report to the Committee and discussed Civil Service Officer Assignments, 2020 meeting dates, 2020 police staffing and promotions updates and the anticipated departure of one Civil Service Commissioner.
- 2. 2019 Ephrata Police Department Annual Report** – Lt. Shumaker presented the 2019 police department's Annual Report to the Committee. In 2019, the EPD experienced a reduction in Part I and Part II crimes as well as clearance rates that exceeded the national average.
- 3. Pioneer Fire Department Siren Activation and Paging System** – Chief Kiefer presented on the need to update the current siren and paging system that is utilized by the Pioneer Fire Department in 2020. Initial estimates are approximately \$1,200.00 for the repairs. The Committee requested that Chief Kiefer contact Ephrata Township to see if they would consider sharing in these costs. The Committee will move this topic to next month's meeting.
- 4. Pioneer Fire Department Fleet Plan Update** – Chief Kiefer presented on the need for a new ladder truck within the next two years to replace the current truck which is nearing its end of service life. Chief Kiefer advised the Committee that the average price for a new ladder truck is approximately \$1,500,000.00; however, he presented a number of scenarios the fire department would explore to reduce that amount.

Old Business: None

There being no other business set before it, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:24 PM.

The next regularly scheduled PSC meeting will be February 18, 2020 (Tuesday) at 6:30 PM.