

## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT – SEPTEMBER 14, 2020**

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**Members:** T. Reinhold, Chairperson, R. Ressler, V. Richard

**Attendees:** R. Ressler, V. Richard, S. Rowe, C. Moore, Mayor R. Mowen, T. Shumaker, T. Reinhold and L. Martin

The Public Safety Committee met on August 17, 2020 at 6:30 PM and discussed the following:

### **Action Items:**

1. The committee reviewed the certified list of eligible police applicants as provided in the letter from the Ephrata Borough Civil Service Commission dated July 2, 2020. The Committee will recommend the approval and acceptance of the certified list of applicants for the position of police officer at the September council meeting.
2. The committee reviewed the background investigation of Jeffrey Evan King for the position of Police Officer and at the September council meeting will recommend the hiring of Mr. King effective October 12, 2020. This will be a conditional offer of employment pending Mr. King's successful passing of a physical, psychological and drug screening examinations. Mr. King will be subject to a one-year probationary period commencing September 28, 2020 and ending October 12, 2021.
3. The committee reviewed the background investigation of Robert Michael Wolpert, Jr for the position of Police Officer and at the September council meeting will recommend the hiring of Mr. Wolpert effective January 11, 2021. This will be a conditional offer of employment pending Mr. Wolpert's successful passing of a physical, psychological and drug screening examinations. Additionally, Mr. Wolpert must attend and graduate the Reading Police Academy and successfully complete all necessary Municipal Police Officer Education and Training Commission certification requirements. Mr. Wolpert will be subject to a one-year probation period commencing upon the date he receives his MPOETC certification number.

### **Discussion Items:**

1. **Fire Department Insurance** – C. Moore briefly discussed insurance cost disparities between Lincoln Fire and Pioneer Fire due to different methods and types of apparatus that each department insures. The needs will likely be clarified upon completion of the fire study.
2. **2020 Second Quarter Budget Report** – Lt. Shumaker presented the 2020 second quarter budget report. All expenditures are within the expected parameters for the year with no concerns noted.

3. **Monthly Police Report** – Lt. Shumaker presented on the monthly police report noting the highest profile case for the month was the quadruple shooting that occurred earlier in the month.
4. **Emergency Management Report**– EMC Gockley presented on the EMC report noting Covid issues affecting our area and the activation of the Emergency Operations Center on August 4<sup>th</sup> due to Tropical Storm Isaias.
5. **Public Comments** – Members of Northern End Stands Up briefed the committee regarding issues they will bring up at the September PSC meeting regarding posting police policies online, banning choke holds and banning carotid artery restraints.

**Executive Session:**

The PSC committee discussed a personnel matter in executive session.

**Old Business: None**

There being no other business set before it, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:10PM.

The next regularly scheduled PSC meeting will be September 21, 2020 (Monday) at 6:30 PM.