

## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT – NOVEMBER 9, 2020**

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**Members:** Reinhold, Chairman; Richard, Vice Chairman; Ressler, Member; Zimmerman, Alternate; Petrick, Staff

**Attendees:** Reinhold, Chairman; Richard, Vice Chairman; Ressler, Member; Zimmerman, Alternate; Council Members: Rowe, Weiler, Barr, Martin, Richard; Mayor Mowen; Thompson, Petrick, Staff; M. Kiefer, J. Kiefer, K. Stonebraker, R. Gockley, Attendees.

The Public Safety Committee met on October 19, 2020, and discussed the following:

### **Action Items:**

1. PA Law Enforcement Accreditation Program's Letter of Intent - Chief Petrick provided an overview of the PA Chiefs of Police Accreditation Program and advised the Department was notified that the previous Chief withdrew the Department from the program. Chief Petrick wants to re-enroll the agency in the program but will need a Letter of Intent from the governmental body. Discussion of the previous withdrawal from the program was discussed by Council Members, Mayor Mowen and Chief Petrick. Chief Petrick informed the Committee that Department policy is being reviewed and updated. Chairman Reinhold provided Public Safety Committee authority to proceed with the Letter of Intent and move it to an Action Item for Council to address.

### **Discussion Items:**

1. Monthly Police Report - Chief John Petrick presented on the September monthly police report highlighting the Excellence in Policing portion of the report as well as the Vice President Pence visit.
2. Body Worn Camera Project - Chief John Petrick informed the Committee that the Ephrata Police Department submitted a PCCD Body Worn Camera Grant on October 15, 2020.
3. Emergency Management - Randy Gockley provided an Emergency Management update to include a COVID-19 update regarding area assisted living facilities. He and Kim Stonebraker provided an overview of COVID-19 Point of Dispensing Centers of future vaccine(s).
4. Pioneer Fire Company - Fire Chief Mike Keefer provided the ladder truck update. The current ladder truck has had numerous significant failures and is becoming unreliable. A new replacement is being considered that would be conducive for responding to downtown incidents.
5. Fire Strategic Plan - Borough Manager Bob Thompson presented on the recent Fire Strategic Plan Study and discussed the topics of the formation of the Commission/Commissioner. Numerous documents were referred to in the presentation along with the study's recommendations.