

## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT – APRIL 12, 2021**

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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, Martin, Mowen. Staff: Petrick; Thompson. Adamstown Borough Mayor Schmidt; Kim Stonebraker; Randy Gockley; Theresa Caruthers (virtual); Rebecca Beres

The Public Safety Committee met on March 15, 2021, commenced at 6:45 pm, and discussed the following:

**Action Items:** None

**Discussion Items:**

1. February 2021 Monthly Police Report was provided and reviewed by Chief John Petrick. He highlighted the Excellence in Policing section of the report. He spoke of the department's ability to deploy AED's (automated external defibrillator) for cardiac arrest incidents. This department was involved in three (3) cardiac arrest responses in which officers attempted to save lives. Mr. Ressler complimented the police department for all of their wonderful work.
2. President Rowe asked if there has been an increase in mental health cases. Chief Petrick was going to report back on this to Council. Chairman Reinhold commented that officers do have de-escalation training, which Chief Petrick confirmed.
3. Chief Petrick presented on the PennDOT Yellow DOT program. He encouraged motorists to participate in this program in order to aid in providing incapacitated motorists and occupants medical assistance.
4. Emergency Management February Report was provided and reviewed by Randy Gockley. He discussed the April 22<sup>nd</sup> simulated tornado drill. Kim Stonebraker of WellSpan spoke of current vaccination efforts with WellSpan. She stated that WellSpan is partnering with LGH at the Bon-Ton vaccination site. Discussions took place by Council and visitors about arranging for the COVID-19 vaccination.
5. Mayor Mowen informed those present that a rumor is going around related to a "fire bug" in Ephrata setting fires. Mayor Mowen stated that this is not true and there is no confirmation of such a person. This rumor started after the most recent fire that affected four (4) attached townhouses. Chief Petrick stated that the department is working with the PSP Fire Marshall on this most recent townhouse fire.

**Old Business Items:** None

**Miscellaneous Items:** None

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:20 pm.