

**TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH WHITEHALL
LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

February 1, 2021

A Public Meeting of the South Whitehall Township Public Safety Commission was held on the above date in the virtual platform GoToMeeting.

Members attending were:

Thomas Yezerski, Chairman
Glen Dorney, Chief, Police Department
Jay Heicklen, Chief, Cetronia Fire Department
Jeff Kelly, Emergency Management Coordinator
David Kennedy, At Large Member
Robert Mateff, Interim Chief Executive Officer, Cetronia Ambulance Corp.
Barry Search, Chief, Woodlawn Fire Department
Stuart Shmookler, At Large Member

Board of Commissioner Members attending were:

Diane Kelly
Michael Wolk

Others attending were:

Chris Mariner, Assistant Chief, Woodlawn Fire Department
David Tomcics, Assistant Chief, Tri-Clover Fire Company

Township Staff attending were:

John Frantz, Fire Marshal
Jason Grozier, Patrol Officer, Police Department
Christopher Kiskeravage, Township Fire Commissioner
Michael Sorrentino, Captain, Police Department

AGENDA ITEM #1 - CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of January 4, 2021 were approved as submitted.

AGENDA ITEM #3 - OLD BUSINESS

The Township Fire Police personnel were appointed by resolution by the Board of Commissioners in January 2021.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

None.

AGENDA ITEM #5 - NEW BUSINESS

A. Commissioner's Report

None.

B. Fire Companies Report

Chief Heicklen reported that Cetronia responded to sixty-six calls for the month of January 2021.

The fire departments assisted in a search for a missing person. The search ended positively with the individual being located.

Chief Garger reported that Greenawalds responded to fifty-six calls for the month of January 2021.

Assistant Chief Tomcics submitted the response report for Tri-Clover for the month of January 2021. It is included as an attachment to these minutes. Tri-Clover responded to twenty-four calls for the month of January 2021.

C. Fire Commissioner Report

Chairman Yezerski inquired as to if the fire departments have a procedure for responding to electric vehicle fires.

Chief Heicklen indicated that the fire departments are familiar with procedures for extinguishing electric car fires and that the tactics continue to be reevaluated industry wide. There are two charging electric vehicle charging stations in the Township.

D. Emergency Management Team Report

None.

E. Police Report

Officer Grozier reported that the Police responded to one thousand, one hundred and ninety-six calls for the month of January 2021.

The 2021 youth law enforcement academy is scheduled to be held on June 21 to June 25, 2021. This academy is open to fifth and sixth grade students.

Chief Dorney indicated that the department is looking at holding a citizen's police academy, similar to that held in Allentown, in 2021.

A new patrol officer is being hired and will bring the department to full staffing. This officer has previously completed the police academy training and is a Township resident.

F. Emergency Medical Services Report

Chief Executive Officer Mateff reported that Cetronia responded to three hundred and seventy calls for the month of January 2021. Three of these calls were handled by a mutual aid provider.

Covid-19 transports continue to be the largest call type. Cetronia has been experiencing a shortage of medical gloves, but is working on addressing the issue. Cetronia Paramedics are assisting Lehigh Valley Health Network at their Covid-19 vaccination sites.

G. Subdivision Review

1. Premier Center Luxury Apartments (Bizate Park View) – Conditional Use Review - 2020-601

Township resident David Burke expressed concerns with the proposed project. The number of people added by the subdivision would increase the population of the neighborhood by approximately fifty percent. The traffic generated would exasperate already difficult intersections at Crackersport Road and Springhouse Road and Bulldog Drive and Ridgeview Drive and would also impact school-related traffic at the Springhouse Middle School. Traffic would also be generated

into the neighborhood north of the subdivision, which includes a park and school bus stops.

The Commission made the following recommendations to the plan;

1. A traffic impact study should be performed to evaluate the traffic outside of the subdivision.
2. Additional traffic control measures should be evaluated for the new intersection of the subdivision and Winchester Road.

2. GUADCO LLC – Major Plan – 2021-101

The Commission made no recommendations to the plan.

3. Ridge Farm – Major Plan – 2017-101

Mr. Frantz indicated that the plan has been revised to eliminate the long cul-de-sac to the east of Valley Forge Road replacing it with two cul-de-sacs that meet the Township requirement for maximum length of cul-de-sacs. Fire apparatus turning radius requirements are met in the two new cul-de-sacs, as well as all cul-de-sacs in the subdivision, and fire hydrants have been added that comply with location requirements.

Two fire hydrants have been added along the south side of Huckleberry Road, near the intersections with Minnich Road and Jonagold Road.

The adequacy of fire apparatus turning radius was questioned in the new cul-de-sac on Guth Road.

Mr. Frantz indicated that his turning radius template indicates adequate fire apparatus turning radius in this cul-de-sac.

The Commission made no new recommendations to the plan.

H. Address Assignments

None.

AGENDA ITEM #6 - ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

ADOPTED THIS DATE:

ATTEST:

Secretary

Chairman

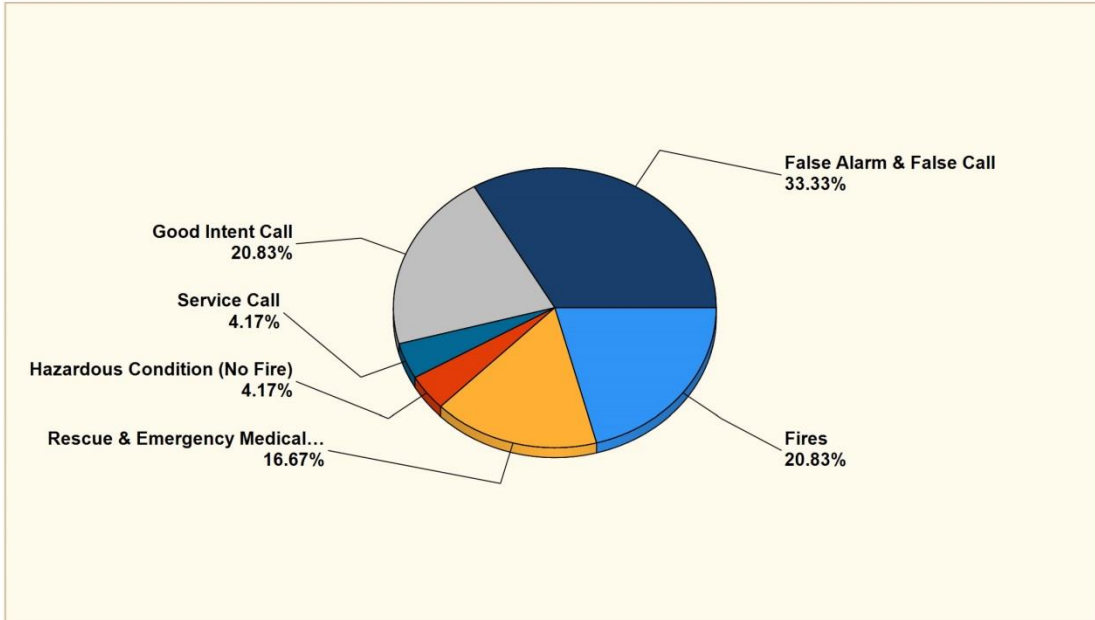
Tri Clover Fire Company

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Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 01/01/2021 | End Date: 01/31/2021



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	5	20.83%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	4	16.67%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	1	4.17%
Service Call	1	4.17%
Good Intent Call	5	20.83%
False Alarm & False Call	8	33.33%
TOTAL	24	100%

Only REVIEWED and/or LOCKED IMPORTED incidents are included. Summary results for a major incident type are not displayed if the count is zero.

Detailed Breakdown by Incident Type		
INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
111 - Building fire	3	12.5%
113 - Cooking fire, confined to container	1	4.17%
142 - Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	1	4.17%
300 - Rescue, EMS incident, other	1	4.17%
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	1	4.17%
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	2	8.33%
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	1	4.17%
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	1	4.17%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	5	20.83%
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	1	4.17%
736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	1	4.17%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	6	25%
TOTAL INCIDENTS:	24	100%

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