

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

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

February 7, 2022

A Public Meeting of the South Whitehall Township Public Safety Commission was held on the above date in the Township Municipal Building located at 4444 Walbert Avenue, Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania and virtually using the GoTo Meeting platform.

Members attending were:

Thomas Yezerski, Chairman
Richard Snyder, Vice Chairman
Andrew Garger, Chief, Greenawalds Fire Department
Jay Heicklen, Chief, Cetronia Fire Department
Jeff Kelly, Emergency Management Coordinator
Robert Mateff, Chief Executive Officer, Cetronia Ambulance Corp.
Barry Search, Chief, Woodlawn Fire Department
Michael Smith, At Large Member

Board of Commissioner Members attending were:

Monica Hodges
Diane Kelly
David Kennedy

Others attending were:

Ricardo Diaz, Deputy Chief, Cetronia Fire Company
Josh Green, Assistant Chief, Greenawalds Fire Company
Steve Snyder, Battalion Chief, Greenawalds Fire Company
Richard Tice, Assistant Chief, Woodlawn Fire Department

Township Staff attending were:

Randy Cope, Interim Township Manager
John Frantz, Fire Marshal
Jason Grozier, Sergeant, Police Department
Christopher Kiskeravage, Township Fire Commissioner

AGENDA ITEM #1 - CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of January 10, 2022 were approved as submitted.

AGENDA ITEM #3 - OLD BUSINESS

A. South 33rd Street & Fairview Street, Trexler Boulevard Traffic Issues

Sergeant Grozier reported that a speed display board will be placed in this area.

A speed display board had been put in place on Trexler Boulevard. 4.9% of the traffic exceeded the posted speed limit of 25 mph to the point where the excessive speed could have been enforced by the police.

B. KRE Spring View Commercial II – Major Plan 2019-107

A letter was sent from the Township Manager to PENNDOT requesting reconsideration of the right turn on red decision. It is included with these minutes.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

The Board position formerly held by Mr. Kennedy was discussed. He had been serving as the Parkland School District representative in lieu of the District Superintendent. Mr. Kennedy will contact Superintendent Madson to discuss who will attend the Commission meetings as the School District representative.

Commissioner Kelly inquired about the recent numerous EMS responses to the warehouse at 5185 Crackersport Road and if the Township has any responsibility in reducing the number of future responses.

Commissioner Kiskeravage indicated that there have been nine EMS responses at the building since its completion. Of those nine responses, only three individuals have been transported to a medical facility. A recent response for twenty individuals that were not feeling well resulted in all individuals refusing to be treated by Cetrionia Ambulance personnel at the scene. On the calls where the fire department has assisted EMS, air monitoring was performed with no atmospheric hazards identified.

Township personnel will meet with personnel from the facility to discuss if any actions can be taken to reduce the number of non-essential EMS calls from the facility.

AGENDA ITEM #5 - NEW BUSINESS

A. Commissioner's Report

None.

B. Fire Companies Report

Chief Heicklen reported that Cetronia responded to seventy calls for the month of January 2022.

Ricardo Diaz has been promoted to Deputy Chief 302, Thomas Williams to Assistant Chief 303.

Chief Garger submitted the response report via email for Greenawalds for the month of January 2022. It is included as an attachment to these minutes. Greenawalds responded to fifty-four calls for the month of January 2022.

Greenawalds responded to five fires and assisted eleven municipalities outside of the Township during January 2022.

Chief Neas submitted the response report via email for Tri-Clover for the month of January 2022. It is included as an attachment to these minutes. Tri-Clover responded to thirty calls for the month of January 2022. Tri-Clover representatives were absent from this meeting due to an active fire in North Whitehall Township.

Chief Search submitted the response report for Woodlawn for the month of January 2022. It is included as an attachment to these minutes. Woodlawn responded to sixty-five calls for the month of January 2022.

C. Fire Commissioner Report

None.

D. Emergency Management Team Report

Meetings will be held this year concerning the Tilghman Street Bridge replacement over I-476.

E. Police Report

Sergeant Grozier reported that the Police responded to one thousand and sixty-three calls for the month of January 2022.

F. Emergency Medical Services Report

Chief Executive Officer Mateff reported that Cetronia responded to three-hundred and six calls for the month of January 2022. Four of those responses were handled by mutual aid providers.

Covid-related responses continue to decrease and supply chain issues have improved.

G. Subdivision Review

1. AllAboutTacos, LLC – Major Plan 2022-102

The Commission made no recommendations to the plan.

H. Address Assignments

1. Ridge Farm – Major Plan 2017-101

The Commission made the recommendation that the names Charles Alley and James Alley be re-named as Charles and James are names that are existing in the Township.

AGENDA ITEM #6 - ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

ADOPTED THIS DATE:

ATTEST:

Secretary

Chairman

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January 28, 2022

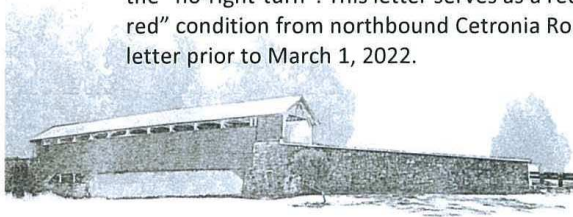
Mr. Derrick Herrmann
Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
Engineering District 5-0
1002 Hamilton St.
Allentown, PA 18101

**Re: South Whitehall Township
KRE Springview Commercial II
Major Subdivision #2019-107
Cetronia Road and Broadway
Traffic Signal Permit No. 39-103-008**

Dear Mr. Herrmann:

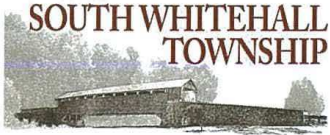
This letter is a request for PennDOT to reconsider a prior decision relating to Traffic Permit No. 39-103-008 in South Whitehall Township. The location of the proposed redevelopment is the southeast corner of the intersection of Cetronia Road (State owned) and Broadway (Township owned). The applicant, KRE Springview Commercial II, has requested a waiver from Township SALDO Section 312-36(c)(4)(B)(i) for driveway separation distance. The proposed driveway onto Broadway is less than 300' to the intersection of Broadway and Cetronia Road. The approval of this waiver was recommended by the Township Public Safety Commission (PSC) conditioned on the restriction of "no right turn on red" from northbound Cetronia Road to eastbound Broadway. PSC rational for recommending the condition is primarily since left turns would be permitted out of the driveway onto Broadway. The PSC feels this creates an unsafe condition. Therefore, the recommendation of a "no right on red" is a means to mitigate the potentially unsafe condition. This condition was previously rejected by PennDOT.

The condition recommended by the PSC is part of the approving resolution. Therefore, a modification to the resolution is required should PennDOT reject the request for a "no turn on red". The applicant appeared before the BOC at the December 15, 2021, meeting requesting an extension and the removal of the "no-right-turn on red condition" in the approving resolution. The BOC extended the approval for 90-days to allow for clarification of PennDOT's position on the "no-right-turn". This letter serves as a request for PennDOT to reconsider the "no-right on red" condition from northbound Cetronia Road to eastbound Broadway. Please reply to this letter prior to March 1, 2022.



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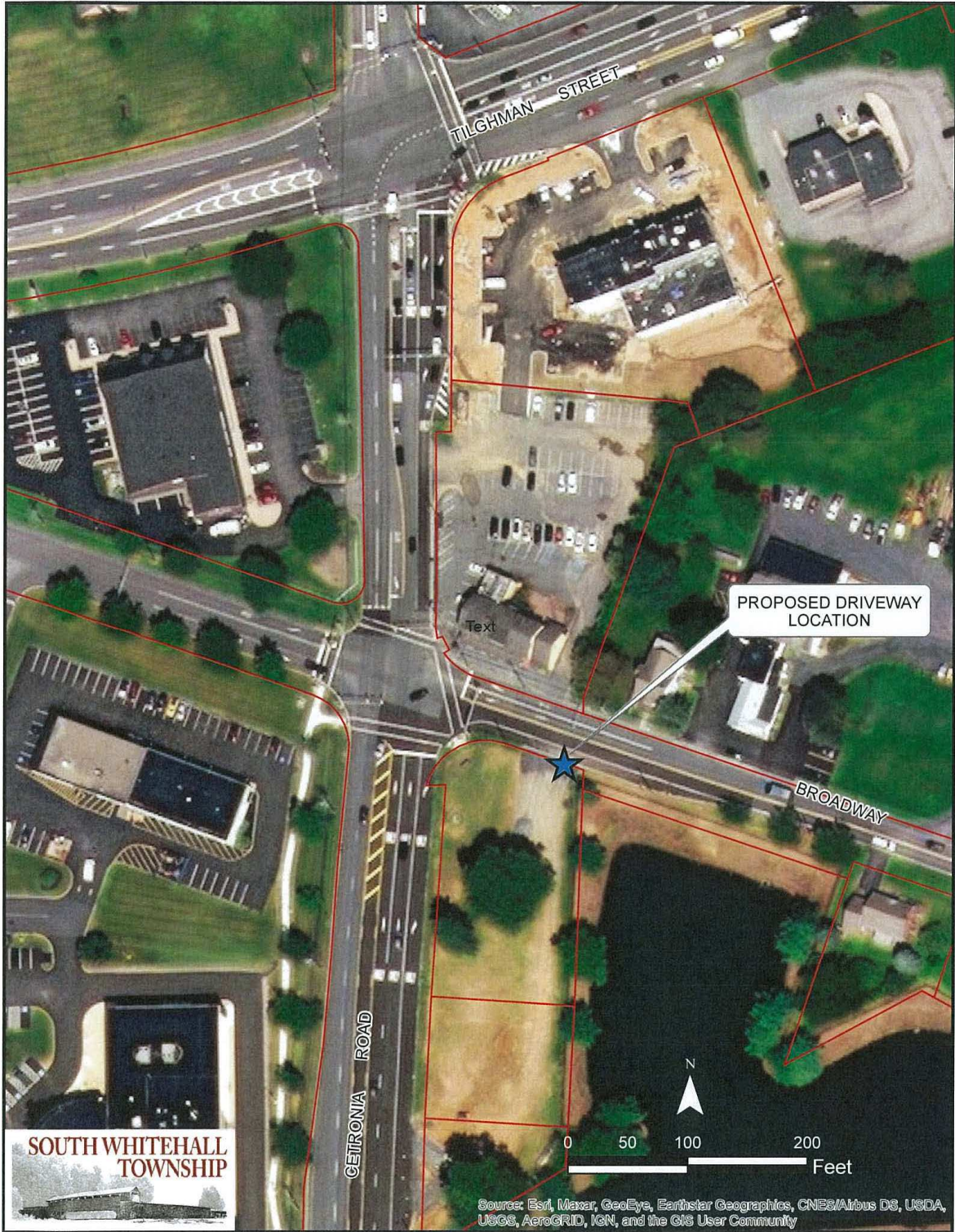
If you have any questions, please call.

Sincerely,

Randel T. Cope
Interim Township Manager, Treasurer
South Whitehall Township

Enclosed:

cc: David Manhardt
John Frantz
Joe Zator
Herb Bender
Brian Boyer, PennDOT
Christopher Surovy, PennDOT



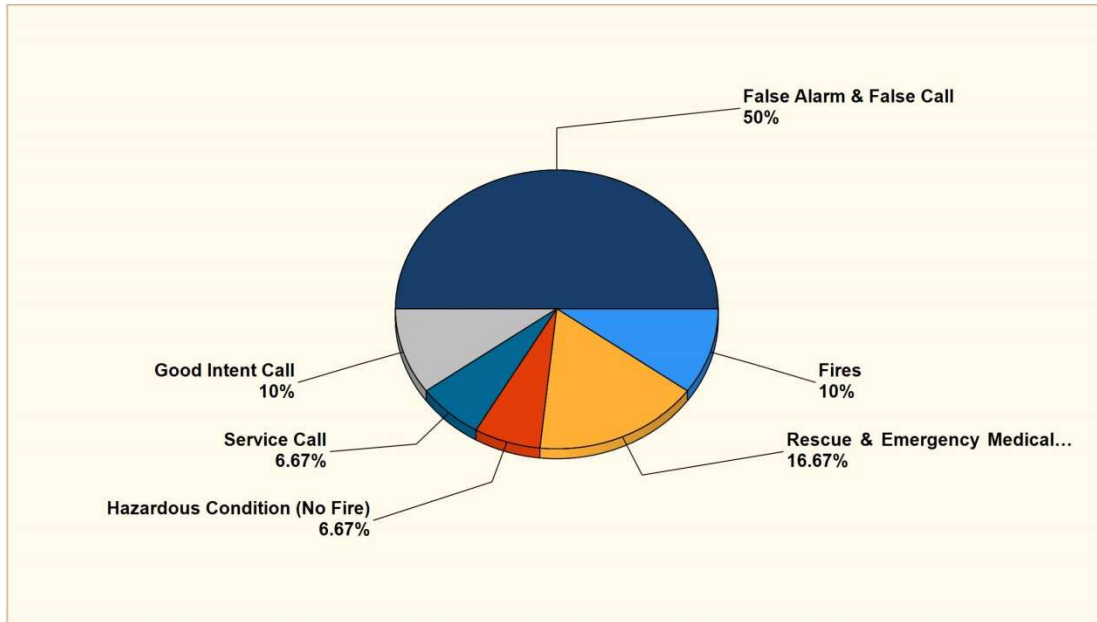
Tri Clover Fire Company

Orefield, PA

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Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 01/01/2022 | End Date: 01/31/2022



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	3	10%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	5	16.67%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	2	6.67%
Service Call	2	6.67%
Good Intent Call	3	10%
False Alarm & False Call	15	50%
TOTAL	30	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	2	6.67%
131 - Passenger vehicle fire	1	3.33%
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	2	6.67%
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	1	3.33%
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	2	6.67%
444 - Power line down	1	3.33%
463 - Vehicle accident, general cleanup	1	3.33%
542 - Animal rescue	1	3.33%
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	1	3.33%
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	2	6.67%
652 - Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be smoke	1	3.33%
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	6	20%
736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	2	6.67%
741 - Sprinkler activation, no fire - unintentional	2	6.67%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	5	16.67%
TOTAL INCIDENTS:	30	100%

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Greenawalds Fire Company

Allentown, PA

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Count of Incidents by Incident Type per Zone

Incident Status: All | Start Date: 01/01/2022 | End Date: 01/31/2022



INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Not Specified		
	1	1.85%
111 - Building fire	1	1.85%
424 - Carbon monoxide incident	1	1.85%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	3	5.56%
Zone: Not Specified Total Incident:	6	11.11%
STA 03 - District 3 (Cetronia)		
111 - Building fire	1	1.85%
400 - Hazardous condition, other	2	3.70%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	7	12.96%
Zone: STA 03 - District 3 (Cetronia) Total Incident:	10	18.52%
STA 05 - District 5 (Coplay)		
111 - Building fire	1	1.85%
Zone: STA 05 - District 5 (Coplay) Total Incident:	1	1.85%
STA 08 - District 8 (Fogelsville)		
111 - Building fire	1	1.85%
Zone: STA 08 - District 8 (Fogelsville) Total Incident:	1	1.85%
STA 11 - District 11 (Greenawalds)		
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	2	3.70%
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	2	3.70%
463 - Vehicle accident, general cleanup	1	1.85%
542 - Animal rescue	1	1.85%
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	1	1.85%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	1	1.85%
Zone: STA 11 - District 11 (Greenawalds) Total Incident:	8	14.81%
STA 24 - District 24 (Slatington)		
111 - Building fire	1	1.85%

Report shows count of incidents for Status selected.

INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Zone: STA 24 - District 24 (Slatington) Total Incident:	1	1.85%
STA 26 - District 26 (Tri-Clover)		
111 - Building fire	1	1.85%
320 - Emergency medical service, other	1	1.85%
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	2	3.70%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	3	5.56%
Zone: STA 26 - District 26 (Tri-Clover) Total Incident:	7	12.96%
STA 30 - District 30 (Lower Macungie)		
111 - Building fire	1	1.85%
Zone: STA 30 - District 30 (Lower Macungie) Total Incident:	1	1.85%
STA 32 - District 32 (Woodlawn)		
111 - Building fire	1	1.85%
353 - Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	1	1.85%
531 - Smoke or odor removal	2	3.70%
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	13	24.07%
Zone: STA 32 - District 32 (Woodlawn) Total Incident:	17	31.48%
STA 80 - Station 80 (Lower Macungie)		
111 - Building fire	1	1.85%
Zone: STA 80 - Station 80 (Lower Macungie) Total Incident:	1	1.85%
STA Other - Other municipality		
111 - Building fire	1	1.85%
Zone: STA Other - Other municipality Total Incident:	1	1.85%
TOTAL INCIDENTS FOR ALL ZONES:	54	100%

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Woodlawn Fire Department

Allentown, PA

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Incident Type Count per Station for Date Range


Start Date: 01/01/2022 | End Date: 01/31/2022

INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS
Station: 32 - WOODLAWN FIRE DEPARTMENT	
111 - Building fire	4
131 - Passenger vehicle fire	1
132 - Road freight or transport vehicle fire	1
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	1
320 - Emergency medical service, other	1
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	9
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	2
323 - Motor vehicle/pedestrian accident (MV Ped)	1
353 - Removal of victim(s) from stalled elevator	1
400 - Hazardous condition, other	1
411 - Gasoline or other flammable liquid spill	1
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	1
413 - Oil or other combustible liquid spill	1
422 - Chemical spill or leak	1
463 - Vehicle accident, general cleanup	1
500 - Service Call, other	1
510 - Person in distress, other	1
512 - Ring or jewelry removal	1
522 - Water or steam leak	2
550 - Public service assistance, other	1
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	2
631 - Authorized controlled burning	1
700 - False alarm or false call, other	1
730 - System malfunction, other	2
731 - Sprinkler activation due to malfunction	2
733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	2
735 - Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	11
736 - CO detector activation due to malfunction	1
740 - Unintentional transmission of alarm, other	1
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	7
744 - Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	1
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	1

Incidents for 32 - Woodlawn Fire Department:

65

Only REVIEWED incidents included.

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