

## **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**PURPOSE:** The Public Safety Advisory Committee (the “Committee”), consisting of up to seven citizen members who are residents of Plainfield Township and up to three members of the Township Board, is an advisory committee and shall meet as needed but not less frequently than twice annually. Meetings may be scheduled by the Chair of the Committee or the Township Superintendent. The Committee will consider issues concerning fire protection, rescue, emergency medical services, and police services (collectively “Public Safety”) as they relate to the needs of the Plainfield Township community. It is not the purpose or function of the Committee to commit Plainfield Township to the expenditure of funds, to execute any documents binding the Township, or to direct the activities of Township employees.

Working with the Township Superintendent, the Committee may consider matters related to Public Safety and advise and report to the Township Board on such matters, including, but not limited to the following:

- Review and comment upon the effectiveness, quality and quantity of Public Safety services being provided in Plainfield Township and the satisfaction of Township residents with these services. The Committee may make recommendations to the Township Board related to changes in levels of Public Safety services.
- Recommend Public Safety related policy and ordinance changes to the Township Board.
- Review recommendations of the Township Superintendent concerning new and/or expanded programs and cooperative efforts involving other public and private entities.
- Receive, review and comment upon requests for input and/or recommendations from the Township Board concerning Public Safety services provided in or by Plainfield Township.
- If the Committee contemplates requesting additional funding for expanded programs and activities, such requests should be submitted to the Township Superintendent no later than July 1 of the year prior to the calendar year in which such funding might be used.
- Other matters as the Township Board may deem appropriate.

The Township Board will endeavor to select citizens to serve on the Committee from different geographic areas of Plainfield Township, and will use other criteria to bring about a diversity of representation and experience with Public Safety. The Board shall attempt to include Township residents with first-hand experience in Public Safety service, except that no current employee of Plainfield Township nor any employee or representative of any contracted service provider shall serve on the Committee. Committee members can be added or removed by the township board for any reason at any time. The Superintendent is an ex-officio voting member of the committee.

The terms of these committee members shall be 3 years and shall be subject to relevant Board policies concerning committees. Board members shall be one (1) year and shall be subject to relevant Board policies concerning committees.

The Township Fire Chief (or his representative), and a representative from each contracted Public Safety service provider shall serve as staff to the Committee and shall provide such assistance to the Committee as may reasonably be required or requested, subject to the oversight and direction of the Township Superintendent. The Township Superintendent shall be responsible for establishing the agenda for the meetings of the Committee.

Minutes shall be kept and shall be delivered to the Township Clerk filing. All meetings shall be posted and are open to the public.