



## Resolution 2018-34

### Authority and Responsibilities of Police Department and Chief

**Whereas**, pursuant to the authority granted under 53 P.S. § 66901, The Board of Supervisors of Newtown Township affirms that the Police Department shall be responsible for police protection, and defense within the Township; and

**Whereas**, The Police Department shall be headed by the Chief of Police; and

**Whereas**, The Police Department shall enforce laws and ordinances relating to operation of motor vehicles; and

**Whereas**, Unless otherwise provided by statute, the Chief of Police shall

1. Oversee the operation of the Police Department of Newtown Township
2. Efficiently operate the Police Department in such manner as:
  - a. To prevent crimes against persons and property
  - b. Enforce criminal laws and ordinances
  - c. Detect and apprehend, as permitted by law, offenders and persons suspected of crime
  - d. Maintain complete and accurate records relating to crimes and persons having committed criminal activity
  - e. Operate the facilities within the Township for confinement of prisoners.
  - f. Maintain satisfactory relations with the community and the citizens thereof, as well as the judiciary and constables
  - g. Conduct such investigations into the background of any persons applying for employment in the department or the Township as may be required to insure that only appropriate individuals are hired
  - h. Create, maintain, and attend such training and crime prevention programs as may be required
  - i. Cooperate with law enforcement officers from other governmental entities where necessary for the welfare of the community
  - j. Oversee the efficient maintenance and operation of communication systems, equipment, and other public properties
  - k. Maintain relations in an advisory capacity with volunteer fire departments to insure prompt and efficient fire safety protection for the residents of Newtown Township

- l. Coordinate the operation of rescue squads within the Township, to insure the immediate availability of competent rescue personnel and equipment when required by the residents of the Township
  - m. Perform such other duties as may be required by ordinance of Board of Supervisors
3. Be responsible to the Township Manager and Board of Supervisors for performance of the duties described herein or prescribed by law generally

**Whereas**, The Police by Newtown Township shall be ex officio constables of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and such powers as may be conferred on police officers by operation of law. Such officers shall have the power and authority to serve and execute all criminal processes for violation of ordinances, statutes and laws, which may be issued, and the fees and costs collected in such capacity shall be paid into the Township and

**Now Therefore, be it Resolved**, that the Supervisors of the Township of Newtown, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, in regular session, assembled on the 26th of November, 2018, so hereby approve this Resolution stating the Police Department shall serve the community in such fashion as to preserve and protect the general welfare of the Township, and shall be dedicated to the welfare of persons and property within Newtown Township and fulfill the responsibilities aforementioned in this Resolution.

**ADOPTED**, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018.



**NEWTOWN TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

John A. Nawn, Chairman

**ATTEST:** Stephen M Nease  
Stephen M. Nease, Township Manager