



## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**October 9, 2013**

**7:30 P.M.**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Durkin called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

#### **ATTENDANCE:**

- **Committee members present:** Chairman C. Durkin, Councilor Bunker, Councilor Conners, Councilor Farrell, and Councilor Soltysiak.
- **Committee members absent:** None.
- **Others present:** Councilor Danilak, Mayor Foley, Chief DiValentino, Solicitor Kilkenny, Manager Locke, Assistant Manager Bashore, Chief Lynch, and Chief Bachman.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment at this time.

#### **REPORTS**

1. **Police Department:** A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials.
2. **Second Alarmers:** A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials.
3. **Pioneer Fire Company:** A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials.
4. **Independent Fire Company:** A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials.

#### **NEW BUSINESS / ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

1. **Parking**
  - a. **Hillside Ave. parking meters:** Chairman Durkin stated that the owner of 493 York Road appeared before the Committee last month in order to discuss the 10-hour parking meters recently installed on Hillside Avenue. Discussion at the last meeting included allowing the tenants to park at the rear of the parking lot for the Jenkintown Library and a monthly pass to avoid continually paying the meters.

Scott Hummel, the owner of 493 York Road, appeared before the Committee. Mr. Hummel stated that his tenants are concerned about parking, paying a meter, and losing their parking space if they leave. Chairman Durkin stated that there is a parking meter pass that is issued on a monthly basis for \$40 per month, but this does not guarantee them a parking

space. Chief DiValentino stated that enforcement of the meters will begin within 60 days. Mr. Hummel asked if the parking meter pass would be amended to reflect Hillside Avenue. Chief DiValentino stated that it would be. Mr. Hummel thanked the Committee and will report this information to his tenants.

**b. Willow St. - Request for amended permit parking:** Chairman Durkin stated that local business owners have requested that the permit parking on the 500 block of Willow Street be amended in order to allow parking on Willow Street during business hours. The Committee recommended having the street posted for residential permit parking only from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. and open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Solicitor Kilkenny stated that the Borough's parking ordinance would need to be amended. The Committee directed Manager Locke to provide this information to the surrounding business owners and request that they attend the November meeting.

**2. Willow St. - Request for 'No Trucks':** Chief DiValentino stated that the Borough received a petition from the residents on the 600 block of Willow Street for a prohibition against trucks on Willow Street. Chief DiValentino noted that the primary concern was deliveries to King's Corner. Chairman Durkin asked if the owner of King's Corner was contacted regarding this matter. Chief DiValentino stated that the owner was contacted and noted that deliveries only happen a few times a week. Manager Locke stated that the residents would like the delivery trucks to turn left on Cedar Street and use Summit Avenue to access Walnut Street. Manager Locke stated that he believes that this would be too difficult.

Councilor Bunker requested that the Borough staff speak with the business owner regarding complaints. Councilor Danilak noted issues with truck idling. Manager Locke stated that a "No Idling" sign will be installed. The Committee directed Chief DiValentino to increase enforcement of truck idling.

**3. Part-time Police Officer:** Chief DiValentino stated that there is an opening for a part-time patrolman with the Jenkintown Police Department due to the recent promotion of Ofc. Anthony Matteo to a full-time patrolman. Chief DiValentino recommended the appointment of Ronald Uray.

**ACTION:** On motion of Councilor Bunker, seconded by Councilor Conners, the motion recommending the appointment of Ronald Uray to the position of part-time patrolman with the Jenkintown Police Department passed unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. 2014 Budget - Police and Fire Department:** Chairman Durkin stated that the Jenkintown Police and Fire Departments' budgets have submitted for review. Chairman Durkin stated that the Police Department budget was discussed at the October 7, 2013 budget workshop and the Fire Department budget will be discussed at the November 4, 2013 budget workshop.
- 2. Fire Department - Training update:** Assistant Manager Bashore stated that Pioneer Fire Company has submitted information regarding training for its active members. The Committee directed Assistant Manager Bashore to review the submitted documents and report to the Committee.

3. **Civil Service Commission – Sergeant’s Examination:** Assistant Manager Bashore stated that he and Sgt. Richard Tucker met with McCann Associates regarding administration of Sergeant’s Promotional Examination for the Jenkintown Police Department. Assistant Manager Bashore stated that the exam will be specific to the Jenkintown Police Department. Chief DiValentino stated that participants will need to purchase books from a designated reading list. Assistant Manager Bashore stated that the Civil Service Commission will meet on October 14, 2013 to authorize the Sergeant’s examination.
4. **Nuisance dog enforcement - Washington Lane:** Chief DiValentino stated that he met with the property owner and two (2) citations have been issued. Manager Locke stated that the Building, Zoning, and Revitalization Committee are reviewing the Borough’s fence regulations.
5. **Street speed trailer:** Manager Locke stated that Chief DiValentino researched if Montgomery County had a speed trailer that could be utilized by local Police Departments. It was determined that this opportunity was not available and their Board of Commissioners purchased the speed trailer being used by the Cheltenham Police Department. Manager Locke stated that Borough Council had authorized the sale of the Borough’s existing speed trailer. It was determined that the speed trailer was still functional and that the Police Department would continue to use it. Manager Locke stated that the Public Works Department has agreed to assist in setting up the trailer when it is in use.
6. **West Ave. parking meters - line of sight issue:** The Committee directed the Borough Engineer to determine if there was a line-of-sight issue on West Avenue with the entrance to 115 West Avenue, primarily with the new metered parking spaces installed.

**ADJOURNMENT:** On motion of Councilor Bunker, seconded by Councilor Conners, the motion adjourning the meeting passed unanimously.