



**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**7:30 p.m.**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Call to order:** Chairperson C. Whitney called the meeting to order.

**Attendance:**

- **Committee members present:** Chairperson C. Whitney, Councilor K. Farrell, Councilor J. Conners, Councilor C. Soltysiak, Councilor K. McGlenn and Councilor M. Ashton Young.
- **Committee members absent:** None.
- **Others present:** President D. Pancoe, Vice President R. Bunker, Borough Manager G. Locke, Engineer K. Hassan, Police Chief A. DiValentino, Fire Chief K. Lynch, Fire Chief M. Brogan, Fire Marshal K. Lynch, and Public Works Foreman K. Riggins.

**Public Comment:** None at this time.

**Reports**

- **Police Department** - A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Police Chief A. DiValentino highlighted that the Police Department had their inspection on June 28<sup>th</sup> with the State Police. Police Chief A. DiValentino was happy to announce that there were no findings during their inspection. Vice President R. Bunker asked Police Chief A. DiValentino if this inspection was for their accreditation. Police Chief A. DiValentino explained that this inspection is completed yearly, but not specifically for their accreditation.
- **Pioneer Fire Company** – A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials
- **Independent Fire Company**- A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Fire Chief K. Lynch highlighted that the parade for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade was a success.
- **Second Alarmers** – A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials.

**New Business**

1. **Fire Commission Meeting** – Councilor C. Whitney stated that the next Fire Commission Meeting will be held on Thursday July 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.
2. **Fire Department Training Assessment** – Councilor C. Whitney highlighted that the training assessment was completed and was provided with the monthly meeting material. Bill Adair, President of Pioneer Fire Company, wanted to know when the Fire Commission would be setting up a meeting with both houses regarding their responses to the training assessment. Vice President R. Bunker asked Bill Adair if he would like to discuss any of the items during the Public Safety meeting tonight, to which Bill Adair answered that Pioneer was not prepared to discuss their

response and the training assessment tonight. Vice President R. Bunker, Councilor K. Farrell, and Chairperson C. Whitney set a meeting date of July 13<sup>th</sup> for Independent and July 18<sup>th</sup> for Pioneer, both here at Borough Hall at 6:30pm.

- 3. Crosswalk on 300 block on Florence Avenue to playground** – During the past few months, Borough Manager G. Locke highlighted that the Borough has had interest in installing a mid block cross walk on the 300 block of Florence Avenue, that would connect Beaver Hill North to the School District property. After the Borough Traffic Engineer reviewed the site and conditions, the Borough's Traffic Engineer has offered their preliminary opinion which has been placed in Dropbox for review. Borough Manager G. Locke highlighted that this crosswalk could be included in the 2017 CDBG application. Borough Manager G. Locke wanted the committee to know that the Borough has met with the Schools Superintendent, Finance Director and the Facilities Manager as they had a couple concerns that they wanted the Borough to be aware about such as requiring a cross guard, and loss of the three parking spots. Borough Manager G. Locke is now asking that this motion be moved to full council to allow the crosswalk to be included in the 2017 CDBG grant.

Vice President R. Bunker made a motion, seconded by Councilor K. Farrell, to move the crosswalk on the 300 block of Florence Avenue to full council. This motion is to allow the crosswalk to be funded in the 2017 CDBG grant.

Motion approved unanimously

- 4. LED Procurement Project Update** – Borough Manager G. Locke highlighted that the project will resume next week, July 17<sup>th</sup>. Borough Manager G. Locke noted that the Borough has been working with residents to help reduce the light pollution onto private residential properties. The Borough plans to continue to monitor the project, and will install rear shades on lights that front properties with small front yards. Due to the cost of installing the shades with JCI and Amour Electric, the Borough will be using Abington Township, the Borough's contracted lighting consortium, to install the shades.
- 5. Greenwood Avenue School Safety Zone Report** – Borough Manager G. Locke highlighted that the signage has been installed for the School Zone on Greenwood Avenue. The Borough is currently receiving quotes for the striping of the roadway. Borough Manager G. Locke wanted the committee to know that the quotes received to date have been very expensive, therefore the Borough is looking to do the striping in house or contract with Abington Township. Borough Manager G. Locke will update the Committee once information is received.
- 6. School Zone Safety Lights on Walnut Street and West Avenue Update** – Borough Manager G. Locke highlighted that the two West Avenue and two lights on Walnut Street have been installed and are operational. Also, all signage has been installed. Borough Manager G. Locke highlighted that the current lights installed on the sidewalk have large bolts that protrude from the bases that the Borough believes may be dangerous to the public. The Borough is now working with the Borough's Traffic Engineer and the light manufactures to design a cover that will be installed to cover the bolts. Due to the cover manufacturing and installation, the Borough has extended the contract for the School Zone Safety Lights on Walnut Street.
- 7. Pop up Beer Garden** – Borough Manager G. Locke stated that he was approached by both Neshaminy Creek Brewing Company as well as the Farmers Market to allow for a pop up beer garden during the summer's farmers market / summer music series event. Borough Manager G. Locke stated that the Borough does not have an open container law, and the licensing would be through the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, however, did not want to approve the beer garden without Council's consent. Borough Manager G. Locke stated that this beer garden would have to be a roped off area. After much discussion, the committee decided that this would be allowed, as there are vendors selling alcohol there currently. President D. Pancoe and Vice President R. Bunker asked that more Police presence be available during the Tuesday night farmers market / summer music series event.

- 8. Solicitation / Canvassers Policy** – Borough Manager G. Locke asked that this item be placed on the agenda as the Borough and the Police Department have been receiving complaints regarding the solicitation and canvassing in the Borough. Borough Manager G. Locke explained the Borough's policy and procedure on the issuance of a solicitation license, however believes that the majority of the complaints are that the solicitors / canvassers are out past the 6:00PM deadline. After discussion with Police Chief A. DiValentino, Borough Manager G. Locke found it was best to also email blast, Facebook and place on the website a list of the solicitation permits / canvassing permits that were issued and approved each day. Police Chief A. DiValentino also will speak to the solicitors / canvassers when the permit is issued, explaining the rules as well as the consequences, including the issuance of citations, if the rules are not followed. Councilor K. Farrell also asked if the Borough can send out a blast, highlighting the policies and procedures of the solicitors / canvassers and that the Borough does have a no solicitation list.
- 9. Resident Permit Parking on Leedom Street – 5pm to 7am** – Borough Manager G. Locke stated that the Borough discussed this last month. The Borough will be installing residential permit parking signs on the 400 block of Leedom Street. The Borough has been working with the business owner on the corner, This Little Gallery, to ensure that the permit parking will not negatively impact her business. Confirmation from the business owner was received this week that the permit parking will not negatively impact her business, the Public Works Department will be installing signs stating permit parking from the hours of 5:00PM until 8:00AM. These signs will reflect the same signs and times as on the newly installed signs on Willow Street, as the Borough is attempting to keep all permit parking times the same throughout the Borough.

## Old Business

- 1. Resident Concerns regarding Walnut Street** – Engineer K. Hassan updated the Committee that the Traffic Engineer just received confirmation from PennDOT that this intersection, Walnut Street and Cheltena Avenue, does not meet the criteria for a stop sign. Engineer K. Hassan highlighted that the Traffic Engineer is drafting a memo detailing PennDOT's findings and the memo will be distributed within the coming weeks. Police Chief A. DiValentino highlighted that the Police Department searched for accidents at the intersection within the past five years and only found one, which was a non-reportable accident.
- 2. Walnut Street Safety Grant** – Borough Manager G. Locke highlighted that the signage and striping has been completed by PennDOT. Borough Manager G. Locke wanted to note that any striping that was disturbed by the gas main road work will have to be replaced by Henkles & McCoy.
- 3. ADA Compliance Ramps on York Road** – Last month, Borough Manager G. Locke stated that PennDOT began replacing the non-compliant ADA handicap ramps on York Road. The non-compliant ramps will be replaced from Cheltenham Township to County Line Rd. The Borough was concerned about the mid-block cross walk they have installed on York Road by Summit Avenue. A letter has been mailed to Fran Haney of PennDOT, expressing the Borough's concern regarding this crosswalk as well as two other locations that have no controlled intersection at. Fran Haney responded to the Borough's letter, expressing that PennDOT found those crosswalks to be safe. Borough Manager G. Locke stated that a consultant reached out to the Borough on the behalf of PennDOT regarding the installation of three more handicap ramps at uncontrolled intersections. The consultant then reviewed the field conditions and determined that three additional uncontrolled handicap ramps would not be advisable and also feels as though the three handicap ramps that were installed are not safe. Engineer K. Hassan highlighted that the Borough has options including continuing to oppose the crosswalks that were installed. After discussion, the Committee decided to have Borough Manager G. Locke work with Engineer K. Hassan regarding the next communication with PennDOT regarding the

unsafe crosswalks at the three uncontrolled intersections. Borough Manager G. Locke will continue to update the committee as more information becomes available.

4. **Chapter 135 Street Sales – “Blue Bunny” Truck** – Police Chief A. DiValentino wanted to highlight that one ice cream vendor has filled out the required paperwork at Borough Hall and all information has been completed and reviewed by both Borough Administration and the Police Department and has since been approved by Council. Police Chief A. DiValentino expressed that the Borough and Police Department has not received any complaints to date regarding the ice cream truck and street sales.

**Adjournment:** On motion of Councilor C. Soltysiak, seconded by Vice President R. Bunker, the motion to adjourn the meeting passed unanimously.