



**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**7:30 p.m.**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Call to order:** Chairperson K. Farrell called the meeting to order.

**Attendance:**

- **Committee members present:** Chairperson K. Farrell, Councilor C. Soltysiak, Councilor J. Conners, Councilor K. McGlonn, and Councilor M. Ashton Young.
- **Committee members absent:** Councilor J. Mixon.
- **Others present:** Borough Manager G. Locke, Mayor E. Foley, Fire Chief M. Brogan, and Fire Chief K. Lynch, and Police Chief A. DiValentino.

**Public Comment:** Hannah Kauffman, 100 West Avenue 315N, appeared before the committee to discuss the "No Turn on Red" at the Greenwood Avenue bridge. Ms. Kauffman created a petition that would change the no turn on red sign going from West Avenue over the bridge to a yield sign. Ms. Kauffman stated that before the bridge was rebuilt it was a yield sign and since the bridge was completed at the end of 2014 it has turn into a no turn on red sign, which backs up traffic and is an "unnecessary waste of time and gas" When Ms. Kauffman spoke to PennDOT, PennDOT explained to her that the Borough requested that it become a no turn on red however, Borough Council does not agree with that statement. Chairperson K. Farrell thanked Ms. Kauffman for attending the meeting, but explained that a traffic study was done there and the road was designed for that intersection to be a no turn on red. For the Borough to remove that sign they would have to petition PennDOT and accept all responsibility for the actions that may be caused by removing that sign. The Borough has decided that they do not want the liability of the pedestrian crosswalks that would now be compromised by making that intersection a yield. Chairperson K. Farrell stated that the Borough will continue looking into the issue.

**Reports**

- **Police Department** - A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials.
- **Second Alarmers** - A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials.
- **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.

**New Business**

1. **Walnut Street Safety Evaluation** – Chairperson K. Farrell stated that Police Chief A. DiValentino pulled all of the accident reports on Walnut Street, between Hillside Avenue and Runnymede Avenue. Council has concerns regarding this section of Walnut Street due to the bend in Walnut

Street at Cheltona Avenue. These reports have been scanned and emailed to Earl Armitage, the Borough's Traffic Engineer, where he will be assessing the area and providing a plan to help proceed with this dangerous section.

2. **Fire Commission Meeting**– Chairperson K. Farrell stated that the monthly Fire Commission meeting was not held this month.
3. **No Turn on Red Sign at West Avenue & Summit Avenue** – This item was discussed under public comment.
4. **Walnut Street No Truck Signage** – Chairperson K. Farrell noted that the traffic engineer has completed their study and they do not recommend truck restrictions on Walnut Street as then those trucks will be diverted onto small Borough Street. Chairperson K. Farrell stated that the Borough would reach out to SPS and updating their GPS to have their coordinates leading to Glenside and not Jenkintown.

### **Old Business**

1. **School Zone Safety Lights Update** – No new updates. Borough Manager G. Locke stated the project is moving along as scheduled.
2. **Fire Department Training Assessment** – Chairperson K. Farrell stated that the Assessments have been completed and a preliminary report has been provided for review. Chairperson K. Farrell stated that it is a lengthy review and Council is still reviewing.
3. **Fire Department Audit of Expenditures** – Chairperson K. Farrell stated that the audit for Pioneer and Independent has been completed, however the Borough has not received a report of the audit yet. Once more information is received, Chairperson K. Farrell will update the committee. Vice President R. Bunker would still like a copy of the Fire Department's 990s that they have to file every three years.
4. **Location of Fuel Disbursement** – Chairperson K. Farrell stated that the Borough is looking into the relocation of the fuel disbursement for the Fire Departments. Borough Manager G. Locke stated that currently there is a fuel tank in the corner of the Public Works yard that the Public Works trucks fuel at as well as the Fire trucks. The Fire Department approached Borough Manager G. Locke and asked that they look at other options in which the Fire Departments can fuel up without having to back into the yard. Borough Manager G. Locke stated that he is currently looking into a fuel reel which could help with the situation at hand. Borough Manager G. Locke stated that this is an unbudgeted expense and still in the preliminary stages of planning but he will continue to keep the committee updated as more information is received.
5. **Fire Department Grant Update** – Chairperson K. Farrell stated that the grant has been extended until June 14<sup>th</sup> 2016, which the Fire Departments believe will be enough time to receive and closeout, the grants. The SCBA's have been received and the Borough is in the process of releasing the monies and closing out the grant. The payment has gone to the vendor. The Borough will receive an email from FEMA when they are ready to close out the 2014 grants.
6. **Greenwood Avenue School Safety Zone Report** – Chairperson K. Farrell stated that Pennoni has conducted a field survey they recommended a static school zone crossing. The static school zone crossing is the one that they used to have on Walnut Street. Pennoni believes that this intersection does not meet the criteria for a flashing school zone light. A report has been placed in Dropbox. Borough Manager G. Locke stated that the Borough would have to go before PennDOT, in which Pennoni will be filing shortly. Once more information is received Borough Manger G. Locke will update the committee.

**Adjournment:** On motion of Chairperson K. Farrell, seconded by Vice President R. Bunker, the motion to adjourn the meeting passed unanimously.