



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
May 10th, 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 M. Ashton Young, and Councilor K. McGlonn
- **Committee members absent:**
- **Others present:** Vice President R. Bunker, Borough Manager G. Locke, Engineer K. Hassan, Fire Chief K. Lynch, Fire Chief M. Brogan, and Police Chief A. DiValentino.

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 DEA did their inspection today and the Police Department did not have any problems.
- **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.
- **Second Alarmers** – A written report will be provided for the Council meeting.

New Business

1. **Fire Marshall Part Time Position** – Chairperson C. Whitney stated the Borough interviewed four candidates for the part time position for the Fire Marshall. Chairperson C. Whitney made a motion, seconded by Vice President R. Bunker, to send the permission to hire Kevin Lynch as the Borough's part-time fire marshal to full council. Motion passed unanimously.
2. **Fire Commission Meeting** - Chairperson C. Whitney highlighted that the Fire Commission meeting was held on May 24th at 6:30pm at Independent Fire Company. The topic of discussion was regarding the Final Fire Department Training Assessment Report, and the implementations that the report recommended. This will continue to be discussed at the monthly Fire Commission meetings.
3. **Crosswalk on 300 block on Florence Avenue to playground** – Borough Manager G. Locke stated that the Borough had a meeting with the Boroughs Traffic Engineer and Councilor C. Soltysiak on March 13th at 10AM for a site visit. Borough's Traffic Engineer has offered their

preliminary opinion which has been placed in Dropbox for review. Councilor C. Soltysiak highlighted that the meeting went well, and they found a location for the crosswalk. This crosswalk has been included in the 2017 CDBG application. Borough Manager G. Locke highlighted 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. Engineer K. Hassan stated that there will be signage installed to inform motorists of the crosswalk ahead.

4. **LED Procurement Project Update** – Borough Manager G. Locke highlighted that Amour & Sons started installing the LED lights. The Borough has received one official complaint to date regarding the lights and the Borough's consortium reviewed the complaint and will be addressing it shortly. Borough Manager G. Locke also highlighted that the Borough can install shields to reflect all light onto the roadways. Borough Manager G. Locke wanted the Committee to know that the Borough is aware of the AMA study that states that 4,000K is not good for residents, however, there is data, provided by the Department of Energy, showing that it is not as harmful as the AMA suggested in 2015. Also, Borough Manager G. Locke wanted the committee to know that the Borough already had 4,000K lights and that they are just replacing the lights with LED4,000K, the Borough has not increased the kelvins.
5. **ADA Compliance Ramps on York Road** – 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 is currently concerned about the mid-block cross walk they have installed on York Road by Summit Avenue. A letter has been drafted to Fran Hanney of PennDOT, expressing the Borough's concern regarding this crosswalk as well as two other locations that have no controlled intersection at. The Borough will be requesting a meeting with Fran Hanney and PennDOT regarding these crosswalks.
6. **Chapter 135 Street Sales – Ice cream Truck** – Borough Manager G. Locke stated that the Borough has received multiple complaints regarding the ice cream truck. Borough Manager G. Locke highlighted that the Police Department has stopped the ice cream truck and informed him that due to Borough Code the ice cream truck is prohibited to operate in town. The Borough Code, Chapter 135, does not allow any street sales, or any kind. Borough Manager G. Locke stated that the Borough can change the code to allow street sales, however if the Borough chooses to change the code Borough Manager G. Locke recommends stipulating hours of operation, decibel limit of music/noise, and so forth. Mayor E. Foley stated that he had asked the Solicitor look into code changes regarding allowing the ice cream or farmers market. Mayor E. Foley stated that the Solicitor has not yet responded with the changes requested. Mayor E. Foley informed the Committee that he has directed the Police Department to not kick the ice cream truck out of town, however the ice cream truck must adhere to all other regulations such as parking and noise. Councilor K. McGlenn stated that the school district made a request that ice cream is not sold on school premises. Councilor K. McGlenn asked that the Police Department keep an eye on this.
7. **Permit Parking on 400 block of Leedom Street** – Police Chief A. DiValentino stated that currently the 400 block of Leedom Street is three-hour parking except with permit, however due to this wording, the residents are finding that they have nowhere to park. Police Chief A. DiValentino is asking that the signs be changed immediately to resident permit parking only to allow for resident parking. The committee was concerned that if this section was to be permit parking only it would deter from the patrons using the businesses. Councilor K. McGlenn asked that this item be tabled until the next meeting. Dennis Cline stated that they could use the first few spots on Leedom Street closest to West Avenue as metered parking for the businesses and make the rest of the block permit parking.
8. **Status of Police Personnel** – Police Chief A. DiValentino stated that they have an officer that is on administrative leave at this moment. This officer has been cleared to return to work and currently the Police Department is waiting for the Mayor and Council to ok this officers return to work.

Chairperson C. Whitney stated that this matter will be discussed in executive session at the Council meeting on May 22nd.

Old Business

- 1. Fire Department Training Assessment** – Chairperson C. Whitney stated that the Assessments have been completed and a final report has been completed and distributed. Chairperson C. Whitney stated that Council and the Fire Chiefs have begun reading the report. This will be continued to be discussed during the Fire Commission Meeting. Chairperson C. Whitney and both Fire Chief K. Lynch, and Fire Chief M. Brogan discussed updating training worksheets and compliance with the training assessment in regards to reporting of training.
- 2. School Zone Safety Lights on Walnut Street Update** – Borough Manager G. Locke highlighted that the two West Avenue and two lights on Walnut Street have been installed as well as the signage will be installed. Borough Manager G. Locke highlighted that the Borough is now just waiting for the punch list to be completed.
- 3. Resident Concerns regarding Walnut Street** – The Borough's Engineer is continuing to review the information from last month. Last month, New concerns discussed during public comment. In November of 2016, Charles Dotger, 311 Rodman Avenue, spoke before the committee to try and improve the pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Rodman Avenue and Walnut Street. Mr. Dotger was looking to have the Borough install a pedestrian walkway, stop sign and signalization. Engineer K. Hassan explained to Mr. Dotger that a study must be completed before the Borough installs any signage and PennDOT has the final say as this intersection is on a state road, however Engineer K. Hassan stated that they would begin the study to consider the possibility of creating a safer intersection for pedestrians.

Police Chief A. DiValentino stated that the Police Department placed their traffic counter on Walnut Street on February 18th at 7pm and removed it on February 23rd at 11pm. The traffic counter was placed on Walnut Street between Rodman Avenue and Cheltena Avenue. The Police Department believes that the accidents occurring on Walnut Street were the result of stop sign violations and DUI's. The Police counted 29,000 vehicles driving on Walnut Street in both directions during this time with a median speed 26mph and the highest speed of 47mph.

- 4. Greenwood Avenue School Safety Zone Report** – Borough Manager G. Locke highlighted that the plans have official approval from PennDOT. The Public Works Department has begun marking where the signage and poles will be placed.

Councilor K. Farrell wanted to note that a resident has asked her to address the issue with Kings Corner flushing their waste down the street. Councilor K. Farrell highlighted that Borough Manager G. Locke has spoken to Kings Corner in the past regarding this situation and has been monitoring it closely, however the resident has asked that her concerns be voiced to the committee. Councilor K. Farrell will follow up with the resident.

Councilor K. McGlenn asked that Borough Fire Chief K. Lynch reach out to the School District as they would like to set up and run a fire drill with the new Fire Marshal.

Mayor E. Foley wanted the committee and Borough Manager G. Locke to know that Neshaminy Creek Brewing Company, 208-210 York Road, had contacted the Mayor and Borough Manager G. Locke about the use of food trucks as they will not be using their kitchen for the first few months. Mayor E. Foley wanted to know if they were allowed to have food trucks and specifically if a food truck could park on Pear Street. Borough Manager G. Locke stated he met with Neshaminy Creek Brewing Company today and they know that they cannot have a food truck

due to the safety of getting a fire truck down Pear street as well as the ordinance pertaining to no street sales.

Adjournment: On motion of Chairperson C. Whitney, seconded by Councilor C. Soltysiak, the motion to adjourn the meeting passed unanimously.