PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
September 14th, 2016
8:00 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, Engineer K. Hassan, Traffic Engineer M. Bickerton, Public Works Foreman K. Riggins, and Police Chief A. DiValentino.

Public Comment: Deborah Sloane, 309 Nice Avenue, asked that a speed hump be placed on Cottman Street as there is always cars speeding up and down Nice Avenue and Cottman Street. Chairperson K. Farrell asked that Police Chief A. DiValentino look into the speeding and further enforce that area.

Reports

- **Police Department** - A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Chairperson K. Farrell stated that the school will begin to carry Narcan soon and wanted Police Chief A. DiValentino to be involved in the process educating the staff on the use and benefits of Narcan.

- **Second Alarmers** - A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Second Alarmers will be in attendance for the Annual Arts Fest.

- **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 Cheltena Avenue. Traffic Engineer M. Bickerton, from Pennoni Associates, stated that Pennoni completed a field evaluation and have completed their recommendation. Pennoni recommends new reflective signage, more signage and new pavement markings. Traffic Engineer M. Bickerton stated that Pennoni Associates then filed with PennDOT for this project to be a part of PennDOT’s low cost safety improvement contrat, and as of this morning PennDOT agreed to include Walnut Street as a part of it. Their current contract is expired and is out to bid right now.
The bid opening date is October 20th and PennDOT is hopeful that the improvements should be completed by the Spring of 2017.

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 but discussions will begin at next month’s Fire Commission meeting regarding the draft report submitted. Vice President R. Bunker wanted to mention is the call to have a fire marshal. Currently, Borough Manager G. Locke is the fire marshal for Jenkintown, however Borough Manager G. Locke does not have the extensive knowledge of the field. If the Borough has a serious fire or injury, Borough Manager G. Locke stated that Abington’s Fire Marshal will handle the report and paperwork regarding it. Vice President R. Bunker is looking to discuss the possibility of a part time fire marshal that would work for the Borough eight hours a week.

3. **Special Plans for Funeral Services: Lt. Eric Feltyberger** – Borough Manager G. Locke met with representatives from Pioneer Fire Company as well as Police Chief A. DiValentino to discuss the street closures and parking arrangements for the funeral service for Lieutenant Eric Feltyberger. Pioneer Fire Company gave the Borough three maps outlining the road closures and parking restrictions that the Fire Company would need for the viewing and the service as well as a map detailing the procession route that will be taken around Jenkintown. Borough Manager G. Locke stated that the viewing will be held at McGoldricks on Thursday from 7pm to 9pm and another a service at Grace Presbyterian from 9am to 10am with the service following from 10am to 11am. There will also be a lunch in on Friday afternoon at the V.F.W.

4. **Fire Commission Meeting** – Chairperson K. Farrell stated that the monthly Fire Commission meeting was not held this month due to unforeseen circumstances. Borough Manager G. Locke stated that he has received a lot of requests to have it right before the Public Safety meeting on October 12th.

5. **Accessible Walk to Playground** - Borough Manager G. Locke has been working with the Jenkintown School District on the accessible walking route to the playground. A piece of that has begun. The Borough has completed their portion from the parking lot to the rear of the school. The Borough does have to install handrails for this portion of this path, which the Borough is receiving quotes on and hopefully will be installing next month during one of the holidays. JSD completed their path from the side doors to the playground. The Borough and JSD are collaboratively working towards connecting the two paths, which will hopefully be completed over winter break.

**Old Business**

1. **School Zone Safety Lights Update** – No new updates. Borough Manager G. Locke stated the project is moving along as scheduled. Traffic Engineer M. Bickerton stated that they are currently advertising with a bid opening of September 29th. Pennoni is looking to issue a “Notice to Proceed” on December 27th. Traffic Engineer M. Bickerton is hopeful that the project can be completed by March 2017.

2. **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 filed. Traffic Engineer M. Bickerton stated that PennDOT approved this signage and Pennoni will be moving ahead with installing signage as quickly as possible. Once more information is received Borough Manager G. Locke will update the committee.
3. **Timing of Traffic Light at Greenwood/Summit/Township Line** - Traffic Engineer M. Bickerton observed the traffic light this morning. Traffic Engineer M. Bickerton believes that a big part of alleviating the concerns is going to come from PennDOT, therefore he went ahead and reached out to PennDOT to schedule a field observation with PennDOT and Borough representatives. Traffic Engineer M. Bickerton also believes that changing the timing of the light on the Wyncote side of the bridge will help with the backup in the intersection of Jenkintown’s side of the bridge.

4. **No Turn on Red Sign at West Avenue & Summit Avenue** – This item was brought up under public comment last month. Traffic Engineer M. Bickerton also observed that while observing the timing of the light. Discussion took place to have Pennoni approach PennDOT and install a “New No Turn on Red” sign that lights up during certain hours such as the new one in Abington by the Fairways. Traffic Engineer M. Bickerton stated that he would approach PennDOT to discussion the possibility of an installation of that type of signage.

5. **Speed Hump on the 100 block of Cedar Street** – Chairperson K. Farrell stated that during last month’s meeting a resident appeared before the committee with concerns that the speed hump in front of his house was sinking. Police Chief A. DiValentino does not see where the actual speed hump has sunk. He has also placed the speed trailer on that block, and has had traffic detail there as well. That detail produced no ticket-able offenses. Police Chief A. DiValentino will continue to monitor the location.

6. **Location of Fuel Disbursement** – Borough Manager G. Locke that the Borough has received the retractable fuel delivery system and it is expected to be installed next week.

7. **Walnut Street Safety Submittal to PennDOT** – Discussion on this matter took place during Walnut Street Safety Evaluation.

8. **Walnut Street No Truck Signage** – No new updates for this topic. Last month, 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 smaller Borough Streets. 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.

   Chief A. DiValentino wanted the committee to know that he has removed a handicap sign on Leedom Street as the resident no longer drives. The resident was not pleased that her sign was removed and has requested that it be replaced. Chief A. DiValentino is not inclined to honoring this request.

**Adjournment:** On motion of Chairperson K. Farrell, seconded by Councilor J. Conners, the motion to adjourn the meeting passed unanimously.