



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

September 13th, 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 J. Conners, Councilor C. Soltysiak, Councilor K. McGlenn and Councilor M. Ashton Young.
- **Committee members absent:** Councilor K. Farrell.
- **Others present:** Borough Manager G. Locke, Engineer K. Hassan, Police Chief A. DiValentino, Mayor E. Foley, Fire Chief K. Lynch, Fire Marshal K. Lynch, and Public Works Foreman K. Riggins.

Public Comment: Ken Mullen, 113 Cedar Street, appeared before the committee to discuss the speeding on the 100 block of Cedar Street.

Eric Horowitz, 149 Cedar Street, appeared before the committee to discuss the speeding on the 100 block of Cedar Street.

Debra Langer, 124 Cedar Street, appeared before the committee to discuss the speeding on the 100 block of Cedar Street.

Victoria DiCamillo, 127 Cedar Street, appeared before the committee to discuss the speeding on the 100 block of Cedar Street.

Rosemary Carlin, 107 Cedar Street, appeared before the committee to discuss the speeding on the 100 block of Cedar Street.

David Nicholson, 105 Cedar Street, appeared before the committee to discuss the speeding on the 100 block of Cedar Street.

Mary Doheny, 431 Cedar Street, appeared before the committee to discuss the lack of aesthetics on York Road, specifically flowers and flags. Also the speeding on York Road.

Tom Scarentino, out of town, appeared before the committee to discuss the speeding on the 100 block of Cedar Street in support of his girlfriend at 115 Cedar Street.

Maureen Lucak, 115 Cedar Street, appeared before the committee to discuss the speeding on the 100 block of Cedar Street.

Police Chief A. DiValentino shared with the committee that he has been receiving concerns from these residents regarding the concerns of speeding on the 100 block of Cedar Street. Police Chief A. DiValentino conducted a speed study on the 100 block of cedar Street from 8pm on September 11th to

8pm on September 12. During that 24 hour period, 654 vehicles traveled in both lanes with a median speed on 26 miles per hour. 2.5% were at 31mph or less and 1 vehicle was over 35mph. Chief A. DiValentino does not believe this data warrants a stop sign or second speed hump.

After much discussion, Chief A. DiValentino will place the radar up for a week or more to receive more data regarding the concerns of speeding on the 100 block of Cedar Street. Chief A. DiValentino will report the findings at the October Public Safety Committee meeting.

Reports

- **Police Department** - 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. Fire Chief K. Lynch highlighted that next month is fire prevention month and will be hosting their open house on October 12th.
- **Second Alarmers** – A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials.

New Business

1. **Fire Commission Meeting** – Councilor C. Whitney stated that the Fire Commission Meeting will be held every other month and will be setting one up within the near future.
2. **Fire Department Training Assessment** – Councilor C. Whitney highlighted that the training assessment was completed and was provided with the monthly meeting material. The review is still taking place however Pioneer has begun their Firefighter I prep class for the challenge.
3. **Sergeants Exam** – Police Chief A. Divalentino stated that the Police Department is looking to hold another Sergeants Exam. This is a budgeted for in this year's budget.
4. **McGoldricks Street Permit Parking Request** – Police Chief A. Divalentino stated that he received a letter from three residents of McGoldrick Street. This letter is asking for permit parking on Leedom Street as they do not have on street parking on McGoldrick. After much discussion, this item was tabled until the October Public Safety Meeting to receive more information on the effect of parking on Leedom Street.
5. **Knox Box Ordinance** – Borough Manager G. Locke stated that this ordinance was discussed at great length during the Fire Commission meetings and has been supported by all parties. Borough Manager G. Locke wanted to note that this would require all commercial businesses to install a knox box. Councilor C. Whitney did have a concern regarding a reasonable time period of time to comply for existing businesses.

Chairperson C. Whitney made a motion, seconded by Councilor K. McGlenn, to move Ordinance #2017-7 pertaining to the Knox Box Ordinance to full Council for advertisement. Motion passed unanimously.

6. **Fulton Bank Event** – Police Chief A. Divalentino stated that Fulton Bank reached out to the Borough and requested to prepay the 64 lots in the lower Greenwood Avenue lot for a private event held at Neshaminy Brewing Company on September 28th from 4pm until 8pm. After much discussion, it was at the request of the committee to not close the lot and ask Fulton to park at the library or the Pavilion.

7. **Police Department Accreditation** – Police Chief A. DiValentino stated that the Police Department will be reassessed for their accreditation in November. This will be the Police Department's 5th assessment since 2005.

Old Business

1. **Greenwood Avenue School Safety Zone Report** – Borough Manager G. Locke highlighted that the signage has been installed for the School Zone on Greenwood Avenue and the striping has been completed.
2. **Crosswalk on block on Florence Avenue to playground** – Borough Manager G. Locke highlighted that the Borough will be installing a mid block cross walk on the 300 block of Florence Avenue, that would connect Beaver Hill North to the School District property. Borough Manager G. Locke highlighted that this crosswalk is included in the 2017 CDBG application.
3. **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.
4. **LED Procurement Project Update** – Borough Manager G. Locke highlighted that the project is substantially complete. There are a few things left on the punchlist that have been handed over to Abington Township. The Borough also ordered 20 rear shields to keep in stock.
5. **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.
6. **ADA Compliance Ramps on York Road** – Borough Manager G. Locke stated that the second letter to PennDOT has been drafted to memorialize the Borough's objection and concerns.

Police Chief A. DiValentino wanted to inform the committee that the School District has a new system in place, RAPCORE, that checks people who enter the building for information pertaining to sexual offenses, custody disputes, warrants etc. This is to better the School Districts protection system for the school.

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