



## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**April 8, 2015**

**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 J. Conners, Councilor C. Soltysiak, Councilor K. McGlenn and Councilor C. Durkin
- **Committee members absent:** Councilor J. Mixon.
- **Others present:** Vice President R. Bunker, Borough Manager G. Locke, Mayor E. Foley, Public Works Director T. Frank, and Police Chief A. DiValentino.

**Public Comment:** None.

#### **Reports**

- **Police Department** - A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Police Chief A. DiValentino wanted to highlight that the Jenkintown Police Department has been reaccredited. They will be working towards the next level of the accreditation process and wanted to keep the Committee informed.
- **Second Alarmers** - A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials.
- **Pioneer Fire Company** – No report.
- **Independent Fire Company**- Fire Chief K. Lynch wanted to highlight that the fire departments are moving into the next round of the Breathing Apparatus Grant. This indicates that there may be an award to Jenkintown Borough in the amount of \$120,000. This has not been confirmed as of yet. Fire Chief K. Lynch stated that there is a new Pennsylvania law that goes into effect July 1<sup>st</sup> requiring all personnel to get a background check as well as child abuse clearances. This must be renewed every three years.

#### **Presentation**

- **Website** - Johan Harvey appeared before the Committee to show the progress of the new Jenkintown Borough website. Johan plans to come before the Administration & Finance meeting and Building, Zoning & Revitalization with the hopes to launch the site in early May. All comments were requested so corrections could be made.

#### **New Business**

1. **Borough Parking Sub-Committee Update** – Mayor E. Foley stated that he has stopped over to Sacs and met with Eric Sacs to discuss the arrangement of parking in their lot. Eric Sacs stated that Sacs is open to agreements and discussion in renting their parking lot. Mayor E. Foley would also like to get that subcommittee back together to discuss the parking lot at Immaculate

Conception Church. Borough Manager G. Locke confirmed that the Lindy agreement has not been signed due to some small conditions being worked on.

- 2. Resolution 2015-5 Civil Service Test Change** – Borough Manager G. Locke stated that this is a continuance of the previous months discussion regarding the change in the Civil Service Test. This change will make the physical portion of the exam pass or fail. Borough Manager G. Locke was advised by Labor Council to put these changes in the form of a Resolution to be passed at full Council.

On motion from Councilor C. Durkin seconded by Councilor J. Connors to send Resolution 2015-5, Civil Service Test Change, to full Council.

Motion passed 6-0

- 3. Pioneer request to close North West Corner of Greenwood Avenue Lot** – Borough Manager G. Locke stated that he had met with Fire Chief J. Connolly has the date on which they will be closing the eight spots in the North West corner of the Greenwood lot. The date is Friday May 1<sup>st</sup>. These eight spots will be closed for approximately five to seven days. They have arranged to also have a truck repaired during that time as well. Greenwood Avenue will remain open.
- 4. Highland Avenue Construction Schedule** – Borough manager G. Locke just wanted to inform the Committee that the gas main excavation is going up Highland Avenue from Greenwood Avenue to the School. Highland Avenue is not closed but there might be a delay in travel time. Henkles & McCoy will be allowing the teachers up Highland Avenue in the morning to allow for them to park in the teachers parking lot. Henkles & McCoy are expected to be off of Highland Avenue by April 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Old Business**

- 1. School Zone Safety Lights Update** – Borough Manager G. Locke has no further information at this time but would like to leave this item on the agenda as he will be receiving information shortly.
- 2. Right on Red at Greenwood Bridge** – Borough Manager G. Locke stated that the Borough has not heard back from PennDOT since the formal request has been submitted. A meeting was scheduled with Dave Adams of PennDOT on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Dave Adams stated that he would go down and look at the timing of necessity of the light. His engineers stated that the reason the light was installed was due to the crosswalk at that intersection.
- 3. Fire Department Training Update** – Chairperson K. Farrell stated that there is no new updates regarding Fire Department Training.
- 4. Parking Lot/Pioneer Request for Driveway Apron** – Borough Manager G. Locke stated that there is no new updates regarding the apron until the floor is completed.

Mayor E. Foley wanted to discuss the option of putting in a regulated light cross walk near the Guild Hall Brewing Company due to the amount of people expected to go to the Brewing Company once opened. Mayor E. Foley wanted the cross walk to be identical to the one across from the Chelsea. Vice President R. Bunker agreed with this idea. Borough Manager G. Locke will talk with PennDOT regarding that cross walk.

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