



## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**7:30 p.m.**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**Call to order:** Councilor J. Conners called the meeting to order.

#### **Attendance:**

- **Committee members present:** Councilor C. Soltysiak, Councilor J. Conners, Councilor K. McGlenn, and Councilor M. Ashton Young,
- **Committee members absent:** Chairperson K. Farrell, and Councilor J. Mixon.
- **Others present:** Vice President R. Bunker, Borough Manager G. Locke, Public Works Foreman J. Riggins, 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 wanted to highlight that with the warm weather approaching the Police Department will be utilizing their traffic safety unit. This is to remind motorists that with the warm weather approaching there will be more pedestrian traffic throughout the Borough. Police Chief A. DiValentino brought up the subject of the Citizens Police Academy. The Academy was tabled last month due to Mayor E. Foley having reservations on the background checks of the individuals attending. Police Chief A. DiValentino stated that he has met the Mayor half way regarding background checks. The academy will teach the public about Police work for approximately six or seven weeks. This hopes to be launched in July of 2016.

On motion of Vice President R. Bunker, seconded by Councilor M. Ashton Young, the motion to move the Citizen's Police Academy to full council approved unanimously.

- **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. **Fire Commission Meeting**– Councilor J. Conners stated that the next Fire Commission meeting was held last night, April 12<sup>th</sup>. There was no significant information to report.
2. **Legal Age to purchase tobacco products** – Councilor C. Soltysiak stated that Rick Pescatore asked that this item be placed on the agenda. Rick Pescatore asked if it would be possible to move the age to purchase tobacco products in Jenkintown from 18 years old to 21 years old. Councilor C. Soltysiak stated that Mr. Pescatore sent her supporting articles on why this would be

beneficial to Jenkintown children and residents. Borough Manager G. Locke stated that he did ask Solicitor S. Kilkenny. Solicitor S. Kilkenny responded with that changing the law for Jenkintown would not be possible as it would supersede state law which cannot happen under preemption.

3. **Location of Fuel Disbursement** – Councilor J. Conners 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.
4. **Fire Departments Request to Finance** – Councilor J. Conners stated that the Fire Department had a request during the Fire Commission meeting to set up a financing meeting with the Borough. Borough Manager G. Locke is currently setting up a meeting with Vice President R. Bunker, Chairperson of the Administration and Finance Committee, to discuss the financing needs.
5. **Greenwood Avenue School Crossing** - Councilor J. Conners stated that Pennoni is conducting a field survey next week and they recommended replacing the current signs with the high reflectivity sign. Pennoni is unsure if this intersection will meet the criteria for a flashing school zone light.

#### **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** – Borough Manager G. Locke stated that the Assessments have been completed and a preliminary report has been given to him to distribute to Council for review. This is not the final report.
3. **Fire Department Audit of Expenditures** – Borough Manager G. Locke stated that Pioneer has asked that the audit be postponed until April as they do not have their paperwork in order.
4. **Jenkintown School District 5K Run** – Councilor J. Conners highlighted that they have been coordinating with the Borough and as of now there are no known issues.
5. **Water Testing Progress Report** - Councilor J. Conners stated that the Borough is expecting a cost estimate to be delivered by the end of the week. Once the estimate is received and approved, the Borough will schedule the water testing.
6. **Fire Department Grant Update** – Chairperson J. Conners stated that the Borough filed for a Grant extension due to the Self Contained Breathing Apparatus not being received. 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.

Borough Manager G. Locke wanted to discuss the possibility of an intern working at Borough Hall. He was approached by a Jenkintown School District Senior, Collin Mulvany, stating that he would like to intern at Borough Hall after graduation until he leaves for college. This would be a non-paying position, in

which Mr. Mulvany would have to work 30 hours a week for four weeks. Mr. Mulvany expressed an interest in local government and zoning. Mr. Mulvany would have to start on May 16<sup>th</sup> therefore Borough Manager G. Locke is asking this to go before the Council meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

On motion of Chairperson J. Conners, seconded by Vice President R. Bunker, the motion to move Collin Mulvany for an unpaid internship at Borough Hall over the summer of 2016 to full council passed unanimously.

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