



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
February 11, 2015
7:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Call to order: Chairperson Farrell called the meeting to order.

Attendance:

- **Committee members present:** Chairperson Farrell, Councilor J. Conners, Councilor J. Mixon, Councilor C. Soltysiak, Councilor K. McGlonn and Councilor C. Durkin
- **Committee members absent:** none.
- **Others present:** Borough Manager G. Locke, Mayor E. Foley, Public Works Director T. Frank, Police Chief A. DiValentino, Lieutenant R. Tucker, Sergeant A. Sulpizio, Fire Chief Joseph Connolly, Fire Chief Ken Lynch

Public Comment: There was no public comment at this time.

Reports

- **Police Department** - A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials.
- **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 report.

New Business

1. **Hiway Theater Event** – Police Chief A. DiValnetino stated that Rydal Park is having an event at the Hiway Theater on March 26th from 11am until 3pm. They plan to have valet parking at the front door and have the valets park the cars where there is parking. Rydal Park has reached out to the Police Department to see where they can park the cars for this event. Police Chief A. DiValentino was not comfortable with this request but will continue to work with Rydal Park toward resolving parking accommodation.
2. **Borough Parking Sub-Committee Update** – Mayor E. Foley stated that he and Vice President R. Bunker will be meeting with Immaculate Conception regarding parking in their Lot. Councilor J. Conners stated he had not received any updates from the V.F.W. yet. Mayor E. Foley also hadn't heard from Councilor T. Danliak regarding Sacs lot. Chairperson K. Farrell mentioned that Church of Our Savior was open the idea of parking. Borough Manager G. Locke stated that he had met with Carolyn Hirsh and everything seems to be gong as planned. Borough Manager G. Locke put a parking lot lease together and sent it over to Lindy today. As soon as we receive the lease back Borough Manager G. Locke will bring the lease as well as the suggestions to the committee.

- 3. Recognition agreement with Jenkintown Police Department PBA** – Councilor C. Durkin made a motion, seconded by seconded by Councilor K. Farrell, to send the Recognition agreement with the Jenkintown Police Department Police Benevolent Association to full Council.

Motion passed 5-0.

- 4. Resolution #2015-1 Emergency Operation Plan** – Police Chief A. DiValentino stated that in 2008 the Police Department did adopt the County's Basic Emergency Management Plan and has been updated since 2008.

Councilor C. Durkin made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Conners, to send Resolution #2015-1, acknowledging the updated Emergency Operation Plan, to full Council.

Motion passed 5-0.

Old Business

- 1. School Zone Safety Lights Update** – Borough Manager G. Locke met with PENNDOT and the DVRPC will be administering the grant and managing the project. There is three approvals the DVRPC needs before the project can go out to bid and the first approval takes six months. This first section is an environmental study on where the lights are going to be installed. Pennoni is familiar with the environmental agency and has been working on the paperwork to start this study. Once the study is completed, the other two approvals will not be such an extended period of time.
- 2. Right on Red at Greenwood Bridge** – Borough Manager G. Locke stated that the traffic engineer had gone out and evaluated the right turn on red at the Greenwood Avenue Bridge and stated that he personally does not see a need for it and has started the paperwork with PENNDOT to remove the signage that states there can be no right turn on red. However the inspection of the lights have been finalized.
- 3. Audible Pedestrian crossing light at West Avenue & York Road** – Chairperson K. Farrell stated that there seems to be no formal request for the audible crossing light and since there is no formal request the Committee will not continue to pursue the audible light.
- 4. Pedestrian Crossing at West Avenue & Walnut Street** – Borough Manager G. Locke stated that PENNDOT did look into and create a report regarding a pedestrian crossing at West Avenue and Walnut Street but due to the configuration of that intersection a pedestrian crossing path is not feasible.
- 5. Fire Department Training Update** – Fire Chief J. Connolly mentioned that they are currently waiting for Montgomery County and Bucks County Fire Academy to email information regarding certifications of trainings. Also the fire departments are in the process of finishing up a few joint classes.
- 6. Parking Lot/Pioneer Request for Driveway Apron** – Fire Chief J. Connolly mentioned that the apron request is at a standstill due to the weather and being winter as the weather breaks the apron will be brought back into discussion with updates.
- 7. Civil Service Commission** – Councilor J. Mixon stated there was a Civil Service Commission meeting held on February 11th and they are keeping the list of officers who are eligible to become Sergeants extended another year. This is to allow those who have taken the test to continue to be eligible.

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