



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
January 7, 2015
7:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Call to order: Councilor K. Farrell called the meeting to order.

Attendance:

- **Committee members present:** Councilor K. Farrell, Councilor J. Conners, Councilor J. Mixon, and Vice President R. Bunker
- **Committee members absent:** Chairperson C. Durkin, and Councilor C. Soltysiak
- **Others present:** Borough Manager G. Locke, Mayor E. Foley, Public Works Director T. Frank, Police Chief A. DiValentino, 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. Police Chief A. DiValentino stated if there were any questions, concerns or comments he would have no problem answering them. Police Chief A. DiValentino wanted to highlight that the Police Department can now do video arraignments instead of having to transport the prisoner.
- **Second Alarmers** – No report
- **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. **Police Department as a “safe place” for Craigslist Transactions** – Police Chief A. DiValentino stated that the Police Department parking lot and/or the Police Station a safe place for residents to do Craigslist transactions. Police Chief A. DiValentino stated that there would not be police escorts but they would provide a room inside the Police Department and/or the parking lot because they are safe, secure and have 24 hour surveillance.
2. **Police Bike Safety Program** - Police Chief A. DiValentino stated that the Police Department has a lot of bicycle helmets in storage that were delivered from the health department. In the spring, the Police Department will be holding a bike safety program where these helmets will be handed out. This is still in the planning process but Police Chief A. DiValentino will be giving updates as they become available.
3. **Right on red at Greenwood Bridge** – Borough Manager G. Locke stated that a new no right turn on red was installed when the Greenwood Avenue Bridge was completed. Many residents have called to complain about this sign. Another complaint was that the timing of the lights at the bridge

was off. The Borough has contacted PENNDOT and they were going to take a look at the sign and make considerations. Borough Manager G. Locke stated that the Borough cannot take down the sign because PENNDOT controls the intersection.

4. **Audible pedestrian crossing light at West Avenue & York Road** – Borough Manager G. Locke stated that they have been working with PENNDOT on getting the audible pedestrian crossing light at West Avenue. Borough Manager G. Locke stated that this light looks promising because of the paving that will be happening on York Road. Borough Manager G. Locke informed the committee that he will keep them updated as he receives information.
5. **Pedestrian cross walk at West Avenue & Walnut Street** – Borough Manager G. Locke stated that this is also through PENNDOT. This intersection was not designed to have a cross walk in the past but since the intersection has re-designed to allow handicap ramps but not a crosswalk. Borough Manager G. Locke believes we should have Engineer M. Eishold look at the intersection and provide ideas on how to approach putting in a crosswalk at the intersection of West Avenue and Walnut Street.

Old Business

1. **Fire Department Training Update** – Councilor K. Farrell stated that Chairperson C. Durkin confirmed that Fire Department Training has been continuing. Chairperson C. Durkin believes as though they will get more insight as time progresses.
2. **Parking Lot/Pioneer Request for Driveway Apron** – Borough Manager G. Locke stated that they are still looking into more parking in Jenkintown Borough. Town Square parking was discussed. The Borough is still looking at multiple places to place a new/extended parking lot.

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