



**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**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 C. Soltysiak, Councilor J. Conners Councilor J. Mixon, and Councilor M. Ashton Young,
- **Committee members absent:** None.
- **Others present:** Vice President R. Bunker, Councilor M. Golden, Borough Manager G. Locke, Public Works Foreman J. Riggins, Fire Chief K. Lynch, Fire Chief M. Brogan, Police Chief A. DiValentino, Engineer D. Jones, and Engineer M. Saylor. and

**Public Comment:** Suzanna Darcy, 470 Leedom Street, and Susan & Gerald Higham, 472 Leedom Street, Councilors M. Golden requested these residents to come to the meeting to discuss their parking issue on the 400 block of Leedom Street. The primary issue is all the houses in this section do not have off street parking and there is limited on street parking due to the parking only being on one side of the street. There are meters on Hillside Avenue near Johnson Street which limited parking for the residents because of the 8am to 8pm time limit on the meters. Mr. Higham also explained the urgency in parking due to his handicap father, who cannot always find a parking space close to their house. Vice President R. Bunker would like to put a handicap spot in front of 472 Leedom Street to allow for the Mr. Higham's handicap father. Also, Police Chief A. DiValentino discussed an option to create a special parking placard allowing these residents to park in the metered spots on Hillside Avenue without being ticketed. Councilor M. Golden would like the meters on Hillside Avenue to be removed. Police Chief A. DiValentino stated that those parking spots were created for the people who working in Springhill's shopping center, but Police Chief A. DiValentino is not sure how many spots are being used by those workers. Chairperson K. Farrell would like Police Chief A. DiValentino to monitor how often the spots on Hillside Avenue are being used, also wanted the residents at the 400 Leedom Street to stop up to the Police Department for a placard to allow them to park on Hillside Avenue.

**Reports**

- **Police Department** - A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Police Chief A. DiValentino wanted to highlight the Police Department did submit a goals and objectives sheet for 2016.
- **Second Alarmers** - No Report
- **Pioneer Fire Company** – No Report.
- **Independent Fire Company**- No Report.

Fire Police Captian D. Cline wanted to highlight that the Fire Police Unit went into Bryner Chevrolet for multiple repairs for almost \$1500. Instead of Bryner Chevrolet charging the Fire Department, Bryner Chevrolet paid for it himself.

## **New Business**

- 1. Police Department Promotion & Hiring** – Police Chief A. DiValentino went before the committee to ask for the appointment of one patrolmen and the promotion of one patrolmen to Sergeant Police Chief A. DiValentino explained that Sergeant Charles Stewart is in the DROP Program and retires on February 28<sup>th</sup> of this year. The Police Department has a current Sergeants list that expires at the end of this month, and would like to hire from that list before it expires. Police Chief A. DiValentino would like to have Officer Rory Tuffy promoted to Sergeant to replace Sergeant Charles Stewart. Because Officer Rory Tuffy would become Sergeant, Police Chief A. DiValentino would like the committee to also consider the appointment Edward Titterton as a full-time police officer. Mr. Titterton went through the process this past summer with the full time police officer exam and scored the highest. Mr. Titterton was a part time officer with the Jenkintown Police Department before he worked for Septa Police Department.

Chairperson K. Farrell made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Mixon, to move the appointment of Edward Titterton as a full-time Police Officer and to promote Officer Rory Tuffy to Sergeant to Full Council.

Motion passed 7-0

- 2. Borough Parking Sub-Committee Update** – Chairperson K. Farrell stated that the parking sub-committee was moved to the Building, Zoning, and Revitalization Committee and Councilor L. Durkin appointed Councilor M. Golden as chair of the sub-committee. Councilor M. Golden reported that there is a spreadsheet in the BZ&R folder in Dropbox which contains a draft plan. There has not been any dates set for a meeting for the Parking Sub-committee.
- 3. Fire Commission Meeting**– Chairperson K. Farrell stated that the next Fire Commission meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 7:30pm at Borough Hall.
- 4. Introduction of New Borough Fire Department Chief** – Borough Manager G. Locke wanted to highlight that the Borough appointed a new Borough Fire Department Chief, who is Chief Ken Lynch from Independent Fire Company. That being said, Pioneer Fire Company also held in house elections and Mike Brogan was elected Fire Chief for Pioneer Fire Company.
- 5. Fire Department Insurance Concerns** – Borough Manager G. Locke stated that the President of Pioneer, Bill Adair, had concerns regarding the new insurance policy and would put them in writing. Borough Manager G. Locke has yet to receive the concerns. Mr. Adair also requested that the insurance company would appear at the January 19<sup>th</sup> Fire Commission meeting but they are unable to attend. Chairperson K. Farrell requested that this be provided in writing prior to the Fire Commission Meeting so the Administration can research the issues.
- 6. PECO Guy Wires on Summit Avenue** – Borough Manager G. Locke stated these are the wires that support the poles. They are required because the support the poles, Suzanne Ryan did make a memo that Borough Manager G. Locke did place in Dropbox. These are to support the height of the poles but also placed because of the curvature of the road. Borough Manager G. Locke did confirm they will not be on every street.

## **Old Business**

- 1. School Zone Safety Lights Update** – No new updates.

2. **Fire Department Training Assessment** –No new information has been received. Borough Manager G. Locke stated that the Assessments have been completed at both houses recently.
3. **Fire Department Audit of Expenditures** – Borough Manager G. Locke stated that would be at the same time as the Borough Audit. The procedure has started for the annual audit. The process will be continuing over the next few weeks and the committee will be updated as it goes along.

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