



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

June 9th, 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 K. McGlenn, and Councilor M. Ashton Young.
- **Committee members absent:** Councilor J. Mixon.
- **Others present:** President D. Pancoe, Vice President R. Bunker, Councilor C. Whitney, Borough Manager G. Locke, Mayor E. Foley, Public Works Foreman J. Riggins, Fire Chief M. Brogan, and Fire Chief K. Lynch, 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 the safety zone in the parking lot for online transactions. This was discussed months ago and it was just swept under the table. Chairperson K. Farrell stated that the committee does not see any opposition to this zone. Police Chief A. DiValentino has a resident that moved into McGoldrick Street however, McGoldrick does not have any parking so the resident has asked for a parking permit on Leedom Street. The other two residents on McGoldrick Street either do not drive or face Leedom Street. Chairperson K. Farrell stated that the committee would look into this matter and get back to Police Chief A. DiValentino regarding the resident on McGoldrick.
- **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. Fire Chief K. Lynch stated that Independent began planning their annual Fourth of July parade. Fire Chief K. Lynch is asking the committee for the use of Town Square during the parade. The parade will be held on the 4th of July.

New Business

1. **Greenwood Avenue School Safety Zone Report** – Chairperson K. Farrell stated that Pennoni has conducted a field survey they recommended a static school zone crossing. The static school zone crossing is the one that they used to have on Walnut Street. Pennoni believes that this intersection does not meet the criteria for a flashing school zone light. A report has been placed in

Dropbox. Borough Manager G. Locke stated that the Borough would have to go before PennDOT, in which Pennoni would file.

Chairperson K. Farrell made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Conners, to allow Pennoni Associates to apply with PennDOT on behalf of the Borough for the Greenwood Avenue School Safety Zone to move to full Council.

Motion passed unanimously.

2. **Walnut Street Safety Evaluation** – Chairperson K. Farrell stated that Police Chief A. DiValentino pulled all of the accident reports on Walnut Street, between Hillside Avenue and Runnymede Avenue. Council has concerns regarding this section of Walnut Street due to the bend in Walnut Street at Cheltena Avenue. These reports have been scanned and emailed to Earl Armitage, the Borough's Traffic Engineer, where he will be assessing the area and providing a plan to help proceed with this dangerous section.
3. **Fire Commission Meeting**– Chairperson K. Farrell stated that the monthly Fire Commission meeting will be held next Tuesday, June 14th.
4. **Water Testing Results** - Chairperson K. Farrell stated that water testing was performed last Wednesday, May 4th, and the Borough is under all the required limits. The Borough has not been able to compare to AQUA's tests, as the Borough has yet to receive the tests from AQUA.
5. **Fire Department Grant Update** – Chairperson K. Farrell stated that the grant has been extended until June 14th 2016, which the Fire Departments believe will be enough time to receive and closeout, the grants. The SCBA's have been received and the Borough is in the process of releasing the monies and closing out the grant. The payment has gone to the vendor and the closeout has started for the grant.

Councilor K. Farrell did not put this next item on the agenda but does want to bring it up in a public meeting as she would like to take a look into it within the next few meetings. Parking on Summit Avenue has become a major issue due to the limited parking for Salem Baptist Church. Between their church services, and multiple events which could be multiple times a week. Chairperson K. Farrell remembers an agreement being drawn up between the Borough and Salem Baptist Church however, over time the discussions over the parking have fell off due to other legal matters. Chairperson K. Farrell wants this item to start appearing on the Public Safety agenda, as this is not simply a matter of parking but due to the amount of people in attendance is a matter of public safety.

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** – Chairperson K. Farrell stated that the Assessments have been completed and a preliminary report has been provided for review. Chairperson K. Farrell stated that it is a lengthy review and Council is still reviewing.
3. **Fire Department Audit of Expenditures** – Chairperson K. Farrell stated that the audit for Pioneer and Independent has been completed, however the Borough has not received a report of the audit yet. Once more information is received, Chairperson K. Farrell will update the committee. Vice President R. Bunker would still like a copy of the Fire Department's 990s that they have to file every three years.
4. **Jenkintown School District 5K Run** – Chairperson K. Farrell highlighted that the run went well and wants to thank everyone involved, including the Borough, the Police Department and the Fire Department.

5. **Sunset 5K Run** - Chairperson K. Farrell highlighted that the run was held last night and she did reach out to Stuart to get his opinion on how the run went but she has not heard back from him yet. Chairperson K. Farrell feels as though the run went well and knows that they will begin planning for next year's shortly.
6. **Location of Fuel Disbursement** – Chairperson K. Farrell 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. This will also be going before the Administration and Finance Committee as the purchase will have to be authorized through that committee.

Adjournment: On motion of Chairperson K. Farrell, seconded by Vice President R. Bunker, the motion to adjourn the meeting passed unanimously.