



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

March 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 C. Soltysiak, Councilor K. McGlenn and Councilor C. Durkin
- **Committee members absent:** Councilor J. Mixon.
- **Others present:** Vice President R. Bunker, Borough Manager G. Locke, Mayor E. Foley, Public Works Director T. Frank, Police Chief A. DiValentino, and Fire Chief Joseph Connolly.

Public Comment: Linda Richardson from Transcendental Meditation came in to speak about Parking in the Borough. She stated that parking in the Borough has a major effect on business and community functions alike. Chairperson K. Farrell stated that the borough is currently looking at different remedies to help with parking inside the Borough. Also, Ms. Richardson wanted to discuss the left turn on West Avenue to encourage traffic into the business district in Jenkintown Borough. She stated that the businesses could sign a petition to help the process of the left turn on West Avenue. Borough Manager G. Locke and Chairperson K. Farrell stated that they would continue to look into the West Avenue light.

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** - Fire Chief J. Connolly stated that the floor will be started around the middle of April and the Fire Department will be trying to finish before all the events start at Town Square. The parking lot next to the Fire Department will be closed for two weeks. This closure will allow the trucks will be housed outside and the gear will be placed in an oversized, locked shipping container.

** At the Borough Council meeting on March 20th Fire Chief J. Connolly stated that they will only be using eight parking spots for five to seven days next to Pioneer Fire Department for the in house floor work.

- **Independent Fire Company-** No report.

New Business

1. **Borough Parking Sub-Committee Update** – Mayor E. Foley discussed a number of parking places and dispersed them inside the committee. A few parking areas that were looked into were, making Summit Avenue a one way between Walnut Street and Leedom Street to allow parking on both sides. Fire Chief J. Connolly stated that the Fire Department would prefer Summit to go one

way towards the Train Station. 207 Leedom Street Parking lot was another discussion, and a lease was sent over to Lindy for discussion. The VFW and Church of Our Savior were also discussed for parking agreements. More discussion on the Parking will take place in future months.

- 2. Part Time Police Officers: Colleen Lynn Harner & Patrick Kilroy** – Police Chief A. DiValentino discussed the need for two new part-time police officers. These officers are to replace to part time officers that are currently looking, or have found other employment opportunities.

On motion from Councilor C. Durkin seconded by Vice President R. Bunker to send Colleen Lynn Harner & Patrick Kilroy as part-time police officers with the Jenkintown Police Department to full Council.

Motion passed 6-0

- 3. Andrew Spiegler** – Andrew Spiegler came before the committee to talk about the National Honor Society's 5k run which will take place in May. Andrew Spiegler came today to request Chief A. DiValentino's help for the race day as well as experience and knowledge will help improve the run. Mr. Spiegler stated they will do a 1 mile friends and family walk as well as a 5k. Chairperson K. Farrell stated that he should also meet up with Stewart Tollen who heads the Sunset 5k Run. Borough Manager G. Locke stated that he will provide Andrew Spiegler with the Block party permit and will coordinate a run route with Andrew to see which roads may be affected with the utility work being performed in the Borough

Old Business

- 1. School Zone Safety Lights Update** – Borough Manager G. Locke stated that all the initial paperwork has been submitted for the Environmental Study. We are one month into the six month process. Pennoni submitted the paperwork and the Borough has received good feedback from the DVRPC.
- 2. Right on Red at Greenwood Bridge** – Borough Manager G. Locke stated that the Borough has officially sent the request to Penn DOT with regards to the traffic engineer and never having a sign there previously. The traffic engineer believes that Penn DOT may come back and deny the request due to the pedestrian path placement.
- 3. Fire Department Training Update** – Fire Chief J. Connolly mentioned that they have received the bulk of their information from Bucks County but has yet to receive information from Montgomery County. Fire Chief J. Connolly stated they will be having a meeting as soon as Fire Chief K. Lynch is available. Fire Chief K. Lynch is currently unavailable due to the recent birth of his child.
- 4. Parking Lot/Pioneer Request for Driveway Apron** – Fire Chief J. Connolly mentioned that the apron request is at a standstill due to the floor being redone. They are currently still in the pricing stage as well and are currently getting quotes for the apron.
- 5. Hiway Theater Event** – Police Chief A. DiValentino stated that he has been in contact with them since February. He stated that he had offered some options and that they will be out to look at all possible scenarios. Police Chief A. DiValentino has attempted to steer away from valet parking on York Road to possibly valet parking on Pear Street. He also communicated that the Borough is unable to restrict parking lots and or parking spaces for this event.

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