



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
March 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 J. Mixon, and Councilor M. Ashton Young,
- **Committee members absent:** None.
- **Others present:** Vice President R. Bunker, Borough Manager G. Locke, Public Works Foreman J. Riggins, 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 citizens Police Academy. The academy will teach the public about Police work for approximately six or seven weeks. This hopes to be launched in July of 2016. Mayor E. Foley asked that the Citizen's Police Academy be tabled until next month after further discussion.
- **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.

New Business

1. **Fire Commission Meeting**– Chairperson K. Farrell stated that the next Fire Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday March 15th at Independent Fire Company at 6:30.
2. **Jenkintown School District 5k Run** – Andrew Spiegler from Jenkintown High School appeared before the committee tonight to discuss the Jenkintown School District 5k Andrew Speigler will be meeting with Borough Manager G. Locke and Police Chief A. DiValentino closer to the race to confirm the details of the course, however this will be taking place on the same day as the Red and Blue fair.
3. **Water Testing – Progress Report** – Borough Manager G. Locke stated that the Borough has reached out to a couple different testing firms, but it seems as though QC Labs does a lot of testing in this area but cannot give the Borough a price for testing until we can inform them what tests we would like done. Borough Manager G. Locke is having a hard time finding out what tests

AQUA runs monthly. Once more information is received Borough Manager G. Locke will relay it on to the committee.

- 4. Rocky's Retirement / Police Dog** – Chairperson K. Farrell stated that this is a new item added onto the agenda but did want to go on record stating that this is the first this committee is hearing about this topic which is surprising to Chairperson K. Farrell. Mayor E. Foley wanted to stated that even though it may not be the Borough's money it was donated with the Borough in mind therefore needs to be discussed in a Borough setting. Police Chief A. DiValentino stated that the Police Department treated this as day to day business as they were under the assumption that when residents donate money the Police Department is allowed to use that money as the Police Department sees fit. Police Chief A. DiValentino stated they did not see this being a big topic of discussion.

Vice President R. Bunker made a motion, seconded by Councilor J. Connors, to move the consideration of the purchase of two K9 police dogs in the amount of \$14,990 provided that Council receives a cost analysis of the past years to full council.

Motion passed

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** – Borough Manager G. Locke stated that the Assessments have been completed and a preliminary report has been given to him to distribute to Council for review. This is not the final report.
- 3. Fire Department Audit of Expenditures** – Borough Manager G. Locke stated that would be at the same time as the Borough Audit. Pioneer has asked that the audit be postponed until April as they do not have their paperwork in order.
- 4. Fire Department Grant Update** – Chairperson K. Farrell stated that there is no updates regarding the grant as Fire Chief K. Lynch is not in attendance tonight.

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