



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

May 13, 2015

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 J. Conners, Councilor C. Soltysiak, Councilor K. McGlenn, Councilor J. Mixon and Councilor C. Durkin
- **Committee members absent:** None.
- **Others present:** Vice President R. Bunker, Borough Manager G. Locke, Fire Chief J. Connolly, Public Works Director T. Frank, and Police Chief A. DiValentino.

Public Comment: None.

Reports

- **Police Department** - A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Police Chief A. DiValentino wanted to discuss the incident that occurred on the 6th of May at 101 Greenwood Avenue. Chief A. DiValentino just wanted to inform the board that the Fire Department did a fantastic rescue.
- **Second Alarmers** - A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Assistant Chief R. Garret read the report that was provided in Dropbox.
- **Pioneer Fire Company** – A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Fire Chief J. Connolly stated that Pioneer is receiving the Engine back tomorrow from being painted. He also wanted to mention that they are currently still out of the fire house due to the floor coating blistering on the floor. The plan to be back in the firehouse by Sunday.
- **Independent Fire Company-** A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials.

New Business

1. **Borough Parking Sub-Committee Update** – Vice President R. Bunker stated that the Borough is still working with Lindy Properties on the lease for their parking lot. Sacs was interested in selling their whole lot to the Borough, but no information has been received or discussed regarding the lot.
2. **Bike Program** – Police Chief A. DiValentino stated that over the winter the Health Department donated bike helmets to the Police Department. Jenkintown Police Department plans on handing out the helmets on May 30th at Town Square with the Mayor. During this event the Police Department plans on handing out helmets, repairing bikes and safety tips. From June 1st until September the Police Department will be handing out tickets to children who ride their bikes safely in the Borough. The donations for the bike ticket program are from local businesses and allow the children to get small gifts from these businesses. More information will be available from the Mayor.

3. **EZ Ticket** – Police Chief A. DiValentino wanted to discuss the EZ ticket program. This is a computerized ticketing system. A normal traffic stop takes about 20 minutes, but with this new system the ticketing process has been computerized and only takes 10 minutes. The officer scans the license into the computer, selects the offense and it sends the ticket directly to the court house. Currently this system is a free trial, but the final cost has not yet been determined. Once the cost is determined, Police Chief A. DiValentino plans to go before Council during the Budget season.
4. **Controlled Pedestrian Crosswalk** – Borough Manager G. Locke just wanted to inform the Committee that a memorandum was placed in Dropbox from Pennoni discussing the controlled pedestrian crosswalk at Summit Avenue and York Road. This memo is to inform the committee of the findings by Pennoni before the official request is sent to PennDOT. Once the request is sent, Borough Manager G. Locke plans to update the committee once information is received.
5. **Fire Commission Meeting** – Borough Manager G. Locke just wanted to bring the meeting to the chairperson's attention. A Fire Commission meeting has not been set up in quite some time and Borough Manager G. Locke would like to start planning for one. Fire Chief J. Connolly stated to have one in the beginning of June on Wednesday night. Fire Chief K. Lynch confirmed that Wednesday evenings would be the best night. Borough Manager G. Locke stated that he would look into June 17th as a date, as Chairperson K. Farrell is available.

Old Business

1. **School Zone Safety Lights Update** – Borough Manager G. Locke has no further information at this time but would like to leave this item on the agenda as he will be receiving information in the near future. The Borough is still in the environmental phase of this project.
2. **Right on Red at Greenwood Bridge** – Borough Manager G. Locke stated that the entire intersection is on permit and that was designed to have the "No Turn on Red" because of the crosswalk. PennDOT stated that Council wanted the "No Turn on Red" sign instead of a Yield sign so PennDOT obliged the request. The traffic engineer for the Borough did state that the Borough can request to remove the sign but recommends that the Borough does not due to the liability brought on by requesting PennDOT to alter an engineered permitted intersection.
3. **Fire Department Training Update** – Chairperson K. Farrell stated that there is no new updates regarding Fire Department Training.
4. **Parking Lot/Pioneer Request for Driveway Apron** – Borough Manager G. Locke stated that there is no new updates regarding the apron until the floor is completed.
5. **Pioneer Firehouse floor repair** – Chairperson K. Farrell stated that Fire Chief J. Connolly discussed this subject in his reports.
6. **Civil Service Commission** – It was voted to extend the advertising period for the Civil Service Test for the application of full-time police officers. There are currently nine applications but would like twenty to take the test. As of now the written test is expected to be given on June 18th. Applicants have to apply by May 29th.

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