



## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**May 11<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 K. McGlonn, and Councilor M. Ashton Young.
- **Committee members absent:** Councilor J. Mixon.
- **Others present:** Vice President R. Bunker, Borough Manager G. Locke, Mayor E. Foley, 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 that they are prepared for the Jenkintown School District 5K. They will be staffing the intersections and will be continuing to work with Andrew Spigler regarding the 5k. Police Chief A. DiValentino stated that the Police Department are expecting to have the two K9 Police Dogs in late July or early August. Police Chief A. DiValentino wanted to highlight that the Police Department has installed a Med Drop Off box in the police station that will allow for medication to be dropped off at any time.
- **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 monthly Fire Commission meeting was held last night. The Fire Commission will be closing out the grant now that they have received their Self Contained Breathing Apparatus. The next Fire Commission meeting will be held in June. Borough Manager G. Locke wanted to highlight that the match for the Fire Department grant was budgeted out of the capital projects budget line and not out of the Fire Departments budget.
2. **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.

- 3. Greenwood Avenue School Crossing** – Borough Manager G. Locke 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.

## **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 Departments Request to Finance** – Chairperson K. Farrell stated that the Borough had drafted an agreement to loan the Fire Department almost \$77,000. The Fire Department has decided that this agreement is “unagreeable”. There is a few options that the Fire Department has decided to counter-propose for the agreement. The Board of Directors did not want a written agreement, they just wanted an invoice from the Borough that they would pay. This will be continued to be worked out in the Fire Commission Meeting. Chairperson K. Farrell stated that Vice President R. Bunker and Councilor C. Whitney have offered to sit in the Fire Commission meetings with Chairperson K. Farrell.
- 3. 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.
- 4. Fire Department Audit of Expenditures** – Chairperson K. Farrell stated that Pioneer has scheduled their audit next week. Independent is still working to schedule their meeting as their books are currently with their accountant as they are filing their taxes.
- 5. Jenkintown School District 5K Run** – Chairperson K. Farrell highlighted that they have been coordinating with the Borough and as of now there are no known issues. The 5k Run will be held on May 21<sup>st</sup>.
- 6. Water Testing Progress Report** - Chairperson K. Farrell stated that water testing was performed last Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, and the Borough is currently awaiting the results. Once the results are received, Chairperson K. Farrell will update the committee.
- 7. Fire Department Grant Update** – Chairperson K. Farrell stated that the Borough filed for a Grant extension due to the Self Contained Breathing Apparatus not being received. The grant has been extended until June 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

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