



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

April 11th, 2018

7:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Call to order: Chairperson C. Whitney called the meeting to order.

Attendance:

- **Committee members present:** Chairperson J. Conners, Councilor K. Farrell, Councilor C. Soltysiak, Councilor K. McGlenn and Councilor M. Ashton Young.
- **Committee members absent:** Councilor C. Whitney.
- **Others present:** President D. Pancoe, Vice President R. Bunker, Councilor A. MacHaffie, Councilor D. Ballard, Councilor J. Lugar, Councilor M. Golden, Borough Manager G. Locke, Engineer K. Hassan, Fire Chief K. Lynch, Fire Chief G. Bachman, Mayor A. Dobbs, and Police Chief A. DiValentino.

Public Comment: Collin Woods, 406 Rodman Avenue, appeared before the Committee to express his gratitude for the begging stages of the traffic calming on Vista Road between York Road and Clement Road.

Mayor A. Dobbs highlighted the parade that will be taking place on Friday April 13th, at 1:15 PM for the girls basketball team winning the State Championship. Mayor A. Dobbs noted that the route for the parade is similar to the route that is taken during red and blue day. Mayor A. Dobbs highlighted that she would like to present a resolution during the April 25th Council meeting recognizing the girls basketball team and the coaching staff.

Reports

- **Police Department** - A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials.

Mayor A. Dobbs noted that there is a need for an executive session after the meeting tonight for matters of personnel.
- **Pioneer Fire Company** – A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Fire Chief G. Bachman noted that they have submitted all required training documentation to Fire Chief K. Lynch and the Borough.
- **Independent Fire Company-** A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Fire Chief K. Lynch noted that the Fire Company has begun to work on the safer grant, which is a grant to help the Fire Companies with recruitment and retention. Fire Chief K. Lynch noted that the grant would provide incentives for members to continue to provide services to the community and / or recruitment of new members.

Councilor C. Soltysiak asked what agency is funding the grant. Fire Chief K. Lynch noted that FEMA is the granting authority.

- **Fire Police** - A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials.
- **Second Alarmers** - A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials.

New Business

1. **Fire Commission Meeting: Motion to release stipulations placed on Pioneer Fire Company regarding the Chief's Budget** – Vice President R. Bunker noted that Pioneer Fire Company has begun their compliance with the standards that the Borough has made which is outlined in the training study. Vice President R. Bunker made a motion, seconded by Councilor M. Young, to release stipulations placed on Pioneer Fire Company regarding the Chief's Budget. Motion passed unanimously.
2. **Proposed 2019 Purchase of Fire Apparatus Vehicle** – Councilor J. Conners noted that Independent Fire Company has been working for preparation to purchase a new ladder truck in 2019. They would like permission to order the truck now due to the 445-day lead time for construction. The board approved the beginning stages of the discussion of the purchase of the new ladder apparatus for Independent Fire Company.
3. **Meeting with Cheltenham & Abington Townships regarding signal at Washington Lane & Township Line Road** – Councilor J. Conners highlighted that the PennDOT Transportation Manager reached out to Borough Manager G. Locke and invited the Borough to submit an application for the Green Light Go Grant to replace the traffic light system at Township Line and Washington Lane. There is an additional grant through the County that would pay half of the required match. This intersection has joint responsibility with the Borough, Cheltenham and Abington Townships. The traffic light system is antiquated, in need of replacement. Additionally, PennDOT sees this as an opportunity to interconnect this intersection with the traffic lights on York Road. Borough Manager G. Locke noted that this meeting is set for mid-May.

Old Business

1. **Light timing at Larry Curry Bridge (West & Summit Avenues)** – Councilor J. Conners noted that the initial observations have been made by the Borough Engineer. Further discussions are taking place with PennDOT to have them perform a traffic study and make required adjustments if needed.
2. **Vista Road - School Safety** – Councilor J. Conners asked Engineer K. Hassan if any progress has been made regarding the reduction of the speed limit on Vista Road between York Road and Vernon Road. Engineer K. Hassan noted that they are continuing to look at the site. Unfortunately the speed limit cannot be reduced to 15 MPH as this would not qualify as a school zone, even though there is a pre-school there now. Engineer K. Hassan noted that they are continuing to look into feasible options such as speed humps and speed tables,

however suggests that more speed limit signs are posted and police enforcement is increased in that area.

Councilor M. Golden asked for an update regarding the Noble Bridge closure and the potential impact that would create for Jenkintown Borough residents and business owners. Engineer K. Hassan noted that there will be an impact on Jenkintown Borough however, there is not enough solid information at this point to know the scale of the impact. Councilor M. Golden noted that he would like to ask for all of the information now and distribute to the appropriate parties. Borough Manager G. Locke noted that they can ask for the information, however PennDOT is hesitant to release the information while it is still in the planning stages, as the information may change while they continue to plan. Engineer K. Hassan noted that the detours go around Jenkintown Borough and is waiting for the complete detour maps/routes to be completed so that it can be distributed to residents. It was noted that the Noble bridge closure is currently anticipated for June of 2019 and as more information become available, the information will be distributed to the board, residents and business owners.

Adjournment: On motion of Councilor C. Soltysiak, seconded by Councilor K. Farrell, the motion to adjourn the meeting passed unanimously.