



**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**7:30 p.m.**

**MEETING MINUTES**

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

**Attendance:**

- **Committee members present:** Chairperson C. Whitney, and Councilor C. Soltysiak.
- **Committee members absent:** Councilor K. McGlonn, Councilor K. Farrell, Councilor J. Conners, and Councilor M. Ashton Young.
- **Others present:** Borough Manager G. Locke, Mayor A. Dobbs, Engineer K. Hassan, Public Works Foreman K. Riggins, Police Chief A. DiValentino, Deputy Chief B. Pross, Fire Marshal K. Lynch, and Fire Chief G. Bachman.

**Public Comment:** None at this time.

**Reports**

- **Police Department** - A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials.
- **Pioneer Fire Company** – A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Additionally, Fire Chief G. Bachman noted that they have passed their inspection, pump testing and fire hose testing without any major cost to Pioneer.
- **Independent Fire Company**- A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Deputy Chief B. Pross noted that the quint has been tested and there were two issues that were found. These issues have been scheduled to be fixed so that the aerial can be certified. Deputy Chief B. Pross asked Police Chief A. DiValentino about parking on corners. Engineer K. Hassan noted that there are setbacks from corners, driveways and fire hydrants within the state law and codes. Deputy Chief B. Pross noted that cars park up to the corner on most streets, not just one in particular. Mayor A. Dobbs asked if the Police Department can give warnings before ticketing cars for parking too close. Police Chief A. DiValentino noted that they will look into it. Chairperson C. Whitney would like to see those cars being ticketed as it is a public safety issue.
- **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**– Chairperson C. Whitney noted that the November Fire Commission meeting has been postponed and has not been re-scheduled at this time.

2. **Police Department Speed Trailer** – Chairperson C. Whitney noted that the speed trailer has been delivered and is having the Borough badging before being deployed.
3. **Full Time Applicant Eligibility List**– Chairperson C. Whitney noted that the Civil Service Commission voted to certify and approve the list. Police Chief A. DiValentino noted that the Civil Service Commission has completed all requirements for the full-time patrol officer to replace an officer the Police Department lost in January.
4. **Washington Lane/York Road Safety Improvements**– Chairperson C. Whitney noted that Borough Administration and Public Works Department met with PennDOT and the Borough’s Traffic Engineer regarding the intersection of Washington Lane and York Road. The Borough filed a TE 160 to install “skip marks” along York Road as well as installing reflectivity signage and delineators which PennDOT will be installing and paying for. PennDOT will also be evaluating the lighting at that intersection to see if more lighting needs to be installed.
5. **Police Department Full Time Officer Hiring: motion to full Council** – Police Chief A. DiValentino noted that Garrett Vail was successful in the hiring process. Garrett Vail is currently a part-time police officer.

#### **Old Business**

1. **2019 Purchase of Fire Apparatus Vehicle** – Chairperson C. Whitney noted that Independent Fire Company and the Borough Administration continue to move the purchase forward. Deputy Chief B. Pross noted that the chassis is currently being built and once built will be transported to Ephrata, PA where the first inspection will be completed by Independent. Once the inspection is completed they will continue to build the rest of the truck to specification.
2. **Proposed Roadway Safety Improvements** – Chairperson C. Whitney highlighted that the Borough has worked with our Engineer, Public Works Department and the Administration to identify areas of needed safety improvement. This year the Borough has added the placement of a speed hump on Cedar Street and safety striping at Hillside Avenue and Walnut Street that will include; four (4) Colonial Style (piano keys) crosswalks and 24” stop bars at all four approaches. The cost of these safety improvements was included in the 2018 paving project. Borough Manager G. Locke noted that the work has been completed.
3. **2018 ARLE Grant application with Cheltenham & Abington Townships regarding signal at Washington Lane & Township Line Road** – Chairperson C. Whitney highlighted that the grant was applied for prior to deadline and will be monitored and reported on at this Committee.
4. **Vista Road: School Safety** – Chairperson C. Whitney noted that the Borough Engineer, JPD and PW worked to install two (2) “Watch Children” safety signs. The Borough Engineer has been asked by Council to observe and recommend additional striping and possibility of a speed hump to increase safety.
5. **Fire Department Training – Update** - Chairperson C. Whitney noted that the training records have been submitted and will be discussed more at the Fire Commission meeting. Fire Chief G. Bachman noted that the Assistant Chief and Captain of Pioneer have passed the Pro Board

certification. Fire Chief G. Bachman notes that all officers are Pro Board certified. Fire Chief G. Bachman noted that they are working to get a Firefighter 2 class in the area.

Deputy Chief B. Pross asked for a status update on the radio grant. Fire Marshal K. Lynch noted that it is in Finance Director R. Ware's hands. Currently the Borough is working to provide the granting agency with the documentation needed regarding the Borough's procurement process. Once submitted, the granting agency should release the final check. Deputy Chief B. Pross noted that the Fire Department is quickly running out of time to place the order for the quote originally received. Borough Manager G. Locke noted that he will research and provide information back to the chairperson.

Mayor A. Dobbs asked about the crosswalk in front of the Chelsea. It was noted last month that the timing change had been submitted for a 30 second delay. Public Works Foreman K. Riggins noted that the Consortium would change the timing once approved. Engineer K. Hassan noted that the Borough has not received approval from PennDOT to date but will continue to keep an eye on it.

Mayor A. Dobbs asked if the Public Works Department was prepared for the snow that is forecasted to come tomorrow. Public Works Foreman K. Riggins noted that they do have 147 tons of salt and brine and are ready for the snow. Mayor A. Dobbs asked how much salt is used in one storm, Public Works Foreman K. Riggins noted in a large storm up to 30 tons.

Police Chief A. DiValentino highlighted that he has been giving talks to the elderly at Grace Church and the Chelsea regarding safety. The Police Department will also be participating in the LaSalle University Grace Program.

Borough Manager G. Locke noted that Washington Lane & York Road safety improvements were approved by PennDOT and Borough Manager G. Locke signed the mylars yesterday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. PennDOT will be installing the signage and skip marks within the coming weeks. Borough Manager G. Locke highlighted that the Borough was recently awarded a million dollars for the Multimodal Transportation Grant that the Borough submitted with Abington Township for the intersection at Washington Lane and Greenwood Avenue. The Borough's portion includes \$400,000 worth of work to upgrade the intersection.

**Adjournment:** On motion of Chairperson C. Whitney, seconded by Councilor C. Soltysiak, the motion to adjourn the meeting passed unanimously.