



**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**February 13, 2019**  
**7:30 p.m.**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Call to order:** Councilor K. Farrell called the meeting to order.

**Attendance:**

- **Committee members present:** Chairperson J. Conners, Councilor K. McGlonn, Councilor K. Farrell, and Councilor C. Soltysiak.
- **Committee members absent:** Councilor C. Whitney, Vice President R. Bunker, 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, 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. Police Chief A. DiValentino noted that there was a three month probation memo in their meeting packets regarding the Police Department's most recent full time hire, Garrett Vail.
- **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. Fire Chief K. Lynch noted that both Independent and Pioneer Fire Companies completed their Hazmat Refreshers. Additionally, Independent Fire Company completed the command staff seminar.
- **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**– Councilor K. Farrell noted that the February Fire Commission meeting was held earlier this evening. The next Fire Commission meeting is scheduled for March 13<sup>th</sup>.

2. **Fire Department Ordinance** – Councilor K. Farrell noted that this item has been tabled until March's Public Safety meeting to allow for representatives of Independent and Pioneer to meet and review the Ordinance.
3. **JSD Temporary Parking During Vestibule Project** – Councilor K. Farrell noted that the vestibule is being built at the turn-about for school drop off/ Pick up. This area will be accessible by pedestrians only. The JSD has worked with neighboring properties to address the temporary loss of onsite parking during the project. Specifically, as it applies to the Borough, the three street parking spots across from the link at 209 West Avenue are to be twenty (20) minute parking stalls during the project to allow access and provide parking for school district business. The property owner of 209 West was consulted and agreed to the arrangement. The project is expected to commence in March and be completed in July 2019. President D. Pancoe asked if the parking would be changed back once the vestibule was completed. Borough Manager G. Locke noted that it would be.
4. **School Safety Vestibule Project** – Councilor K. Farrell noted that building plans were received last week. No application has been received to date. Borough Council approved an actual cost of review/inspection agreement with Jenkintown School District in lieu of the traditional permit fees. to pay for the rates for review and inspection at cost. Borough Manager G. Locke noted that a review letter was completed and sent today.
5. **Washington Lane & York Road Safety Measures: Update** – Councilor K. Farrell noted that PennDOT has performed the line painting adding "skip-marks" that delineate the path of travel for cars navigating the bend in the road. Signage will be installed with directional chevrons as well.
6. **Parking Enforcement Ordinance** – Councilor K. Farrell noted that permission to advertise was approved at the January Council meeting. Hearing currently scheduled for February's Council meeting on Wednesday February 27th at 7:30 PM at Borough Hall.

#### **Old Business**

1. **2019 Purchase of Fire Apparatus Vehicle** – Councilor K. Farrell noted that Independent Fire Company and the Borough Administration continue to move the purchase forward.
2. **School Safety Signalization: West and Walnut** – Councilor K. Farrell highlighted that the permit change has been reviewed and revised activation schedule to extend to 3:45 (15 minutes) and has been approved by the Police Chief, Jenkintown School District, Borough Engineer and PennDOT. Borough Manager G. Locke noted that the change has been implemented.
3. **2018 ARLE Grant application with Cheltenham & Abington Townships regarding signal at Washington Lane & Township Line Road** – Councilor K. Farrell highlighted that the grant was applied for prior to deadline and will be monitored and reported on at this Committee.
4. **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.
5. **Vista Road: School Safety** – Councilor K. Farrell noted that the permit for the Chelsea Pedestrian Crossing is under PennDOT review, additional information provided as requested.

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