



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

**MEETING MINUTES**

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

**Attendance:**

- **Committee members present:** Chairperson C. Whitney, Councilor J. Conners J. Conners, Councilor K. McGlenn, Councilor K. Farrell, and Councilor C. Soltysiak.
- **Committee members absent:** None at this time.
- **Others present:** Borough Manager G. Locke, Mayor A. Dobbs, Engineer K. Hassan, Public Works Foreman K. Riggins, Police Chief A. DiValentino, and Fire Marshal K. Lynch.

**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.
- **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**– Chairperson C. Whitney noted that the March Fire Commission meeting was held earlier this evening. The next Fire Commission meeting is scheduled for April 17<sup>th</sup> prior to the Building, Zoning & Revitalization Meeting.
2. **Fire Department Ordinance** – Solicitor P. Hitchens noted that the Fire Commission has been working to amend Chapter 19 of the Borough Code. The Fire Commission and both Fire Companies have reviewed the Ordinance and are in agreement. The only disagreement the Borough Solicitors Office has with the Fire Companies comments pertain to the appropriation which allows Council to ask for a letter of compliance. The major thrust of the Ordinance is to better clarify the appointment and duties of the Department and the Officers therein. Ordinance

#2019-4 pertaining to Chapter 19 of the Borough Code was moved forward to full Council for approval for advertisement.

3. **Traffic Accident Walnut Street / Runnymede Avenue** – Chairperson C. Whitney noted that there was a non-weather related accident that occurred at this intersection. Chief DiValentino has asked the Borough Traffic Engineer to investigate having traffic strobe lights installed at this intersection. Any progress will be reported through the PS Committee.
4. **JSD Vestibule Project** – Chairperson C. Whitney 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 project has commenced and is expected to be completed in July 2019.
5. **Washington Lane/Walnut Street Truck Traffic** – Chairperson C. Whitney noted that truck traffic has been damaging the properties in the 100 block of Walnut Street. The Borough traffic Engineers preliminary review appears that Washington lane is restricted to 6 Ton traffic and would not allow trucks. PW has verified signage at the approaches to Washington Lane at York Road and Township Line Road. Efforts to correct this situation are being coordinated with the Borough Engineer and JPD. The resident that has issued the concern is being kept up to date on any developments.
6. **Administration & Police Department Possible Temporary Relocation** – Chairperson C. Whitney noted that the Borough and Developers Engineers have determined that Borough Hall cannot be occupied while the demolition is taking place on the party wall. The Borough met with Roizman Development Team, the Police Department, Borough Administration and Council on Monday March 11th to discuss the temporary relocation of the Police Department. Borough Hall may need to be closed on Friday March 15th and Monday March 18th. Further details are forthcoming.

#### **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.
2. **Washington Lane Safety Measures: Update** – Chairperson C. Whitney highlighted that PaDOT 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.
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, is expected to have awards announced in the Spring of 2019. Any progress 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. **Timing of Pedestrian Light at Chelsea/ Larry Curry Bridge** – Chairperson C. Whitney noted that the Borough traffic Engineer has arranged for PennDOT to perform observations to verify real time data of the light timings and road conditions. All information obtained will be brought through the PS Committee as it is obtained.

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