



## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**May 8<sup>th</sup>, 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. McGlonn, Councilor K. Farrell, and Councilor C. Soltysiak.
- **Committee members absent:** None at this time.
- **Others present:** Councilor A. Khalil, Borough Manager G. Locke, Mayor A. Dobbs, Engineer K. Hassan, Public Works Foreman K. Riggins, Police Chief A. DiValentino, Fire Chief K. Lynch, Fire Chief G. Bachman 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 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 April Fire Commission meeting was held on Wednesday April 17th at 6:00 PM. During this meeting, Chris Gabriel was in attendance to discuss ACT 172 legislation. The Fire Commission meeting held tonight regarded retention and incentives to allow for retention. After discussion, it was noted that this is still in a discussion phase and is currently still looking for incentives in recruitment and retention. The next Fire Commission meeting is scheduled for June 12<sup>th</sup>.

- 2. 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. Engineer K. Hassan noted that the Traffic Engineer have reviewed and noted that the strobe red lights can be installed. The Borough has ordered four strobe lights costing \$3000. Once the lights are received, the Borough will schedule the work with the Consortium (Abington Township). Chief A. DiValentino asked how long it will be until they are installed. Ken Lynch noted that you are looking at a six to eight week lead time for the delivery of the lights due to the lights no longer being common in use.

Mayor A. Dobbs asked about the no turn on red sign at the intersection of Walnut Street and Runnymede Avenue. Borough Manager G. Locke noted that Pennoni Associates Traffic Engineer worked with PennDOT to allow one sign to be moved to the south east corner. This sign change needs to be changed on the PennDOT permit.

- 3. Discussion for clarification on what constitutes a visitor for permit parking streets** – Chief A. DiValentino noted that residents who have visitors seem to be getting tickets on their cars. Usually notes are left late and / or staying over night. Chief A. DiValentino noted that they have begun the policy that after 5PM the visitors are required to find parking on a different street.
- 4. Walnut Street signage: NO PARKING ON SIDEWALK** – Chief A. DiValentino noted that residents along Walnut Street would like signage along Walnut Street stating no parking on the sidewalk. Committee does not think signage is warranted at this time.
- 5. Motion to full Council to hire Part Time Officer** – Chief A. DiValentino noted that they have a candidate in mind however they would like to replace a part timer that was lost to the State Police academy. Chairperson C. Whitney made a motion, seconded by Councilor C. Soltysiak, to move the motion to hire a part time officer to full Council. Motion passed unanimously.
- 6. Washington Lane/Walnut Street Truck Traffic** – Chairperson C. Whitney noted that the 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. Additional signage has been received for the approaches to Washington Lane at York Road and Township Line Road. With the assistance of the Borough Engineer, these signs will be installed. The resident that has issued the concern is being kept up to date on any developments.

## **Old Business**

- 1. 2019 Purchase of Fire Apparatus Vehicle** – Chairperson C. Whitney highlighted that Independent Fire Company and the Borough Administration continue to move the purchase process forward. Chairperson C. Whitney noted that Independent Fire Company will be listing the previous fire apparatus.
- 2. JSD Vestibule Project** – Chairperson C. Whitney highlighted the vestibule is being built at the turn-about for school drop off/ Pick up. The project is progressing as planned and the Borough has been completing site visits as requested and / or necessary. The project is expected to be completed in July 2019

3. **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.
4. **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.
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.

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