



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
June 12th, 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, 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 June Fire Commission meeting that was to be held prior to the meeting will rescheduled for June 26th prior to the June Borough Council meeting.
2. **2017 Green Light Go Grant** – Project has been awarded to Lenni Electric Corporation in the amount of \$65,845.00. This grant will complete the update all of the Borough traffic lights to LED, install battery back-ups in all York Road traffic lights and provide three (3) emergency generators. This is an excellent opportunity that will improve life safety during emergency situations and reduce overtime to both the Police and Public Works during emergency situations.

3. **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.
4. **Traffic Accident Walnut Street / Runnymede Avenue** – Chairperson C. Whitney noted that Chief DiValentino has asked to have traffic strobe lights installed at this intersection. The Borough has ordered four strobe lights costing \$3000. The lights were received late last week and will be installed this week by the Consortium. Borough Manager G. Locke noted that they have begun installing today and will be completed the installment tomorrow. Police Chief A. DiValentino noted that as where these lights cannot guarantee the lights will prevent of accidents, they certainly can help. Bill Pross, Deputy Chief of Independent, noted that the intersection does not have preemption and with the Noble Bridge road closure. Borough Manager G. Locke will research information regarding the preemption light and report back to the Committee
5. **AQUA Detour** – Aqua will be installing new watermain on Highland Avenue (West to Hillside), Walnut Street (West to Greenwood). This project is scheduled to begin, June 17th, 2019. The detour plans have been discussed at the Public Works and Building, Zoning & Revitalization meetings and have been provided with the monthly meeting materials. Detour plan was sent to residents via social media platforms on Friday May 31st and will be sent as a reminder on Friday June 14th. AQUA has begun the installation of the detour signs.

Old Business

1. **Washington Lane/Walnut Street Truck Traffic** – Chairperson C. Whitney noted that 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. Public Works Foreman K. Riggins noted that the Public Works Department has replaced the signage.
2. **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.
3. **Washington Lane Safety Measures: Update** – Chairperson C. Whitney highlighted 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 during the Southern Gateway Project.
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, but was not awarded during this funding cycle.

- 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 on June 26th.

Councilor A. Khalil noted that the Governor's Office is giving a grant out to Fire Departments who have an apprenticeship program to help with recruitment of younger members. Councilor A. Khalil will pass along the information to both Fire Companies.

Mayor A. Dobbs wanted to inform the public of the emergency ready call system that the County is looking to promote. The County would like to attend a public meeting to discuss the system and how to promote to the public.

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