



**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**July 10<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, Vice President J. Conners, Councilor K. McGlenn, and Councilor C. Soltysiak.
- **Committee members absent:** Councilor K. Farrell.
- **Others present:** Councilor A. Khalil, President D. Pancoe, Borough Manager G. Locke, Engineer K. Hassan, Public Works Foreman K. Riggins, Police Chief A. DiValentino, Fire Chief K. Lynch, 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 asked that a uniform policy is created for apparatus data. Fire Chief K. Lynch will be sending information to Fire Chief G. Bachman so that information is reported the same.
- **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. **Jenkintown Police Department Sergeant Exam** – Chairperson C. Whitney noted that the Police Chief A. DiValentino is requesting the Mayor and Council direct the Jenkintown Civil Service Commission begin the process for the Sergeants competitive examinations. Chairperson C. Whitney noted that the committee will be tabling this exam until a review of the current staffing can be completed. Police Chief A. DiValentino asked why the item was being tabling since it was submitted with the 2019 budget. Chairperson C. Whitney and President D. Pancoe noted that they would like to be able to review their current staffing since there is currently four squads and there is already two Sergeants and a Lieutenant. Police Chief A. DiValentino noted that the Lieutenant is currently not on a squad, and therefore two more Sergeants were needed to complete the four squads. President D. Pancoe asked why the Lieutenant is not on a squad, and

more importantly why there is a K9 with the Lieutenant if he is not on a squad. Police Chief A. DiValentino noted that the Lieutenant does primarily administrative work, and patrols when needed. After discussion, the item was tabled until the next Public Safety meeting.

2. **Fire Commission Meeting**– Chairperson C. Whitney noted that the June Fire Commission meeting was held prior to the June 26th Borough Council meeting. During this meeting, Standard Operating Guidelines were discussed as well as the training standards for active crew members and a financial stipend to encourage recruitment and retention
3. **2017 Green Light Go Grant** – Chairperson C. Whitney highlighted that the 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. The Notice to proceed has been issued, and the contractor is tentatively scheduled to begin the week of July 24th
4. **No Left Turn Signage at Runnymede & Walnut** – Chairperson C. Whitney highlighted the Borough Engineer has met with PennDOT and at their direction have revised the permit plan and submitted that plan to PennDOT for approval. It is still being determined if a PennDOT TE160 approval will be required.
5. **AQUA Detour** – Aqua is currently installing new watermains on Highland Avenue (West to Hillside), Walnut Street (West to Greenwood). Caddick, AQUA's subcontractor, completed the new water main installation on Highland Avenue and Walnut Street. The watermains are filled and awaiting purification test results which can take 2 to 3 weeks for results. After purification tests are complete, contractors will return to install services to residents. AQUA will notify Jenkintown Borough and Residents when they will return to complete service installation. This Aqua water main replacement project will be taking place Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM / 3:00 PM daily so the work can be performed safely, and every effort is being made to complete this portion of the project prior to the start of school.

Chairperson C. Whitney noted that AQUA has not restored Walnut Street into an acceptable condition. Borough Manager G. Locke noted that AQUA's subcontractor, Caddick, is required to backfill and temporarily restore the trench after each day. Public Works Foreman K. Riggins will review the site conditions and will meet with Caddick to discuss.

## **Old Business**

1. **2017 CFA Multi-modal Grant: Washington Lane & Greenwood Avenue** – Chairperson C. Whitney noted that there is no update. The Borough has signed to accept the grant funding that was awarded through the multi-municipal application filed jointly with Abington Township. The award is for \$1,000,000 to fund the improvement to the intersection of Washington Lane and Greenwood Avenue and includes new traffic controls, HC Accessible curb cuts, storm water inlets/piping, sidewalk and curb. The Borough Engineer is meeting with Abington Township to begin discussing design and cost and will update the Administration & Finance and Building, Zoning & Revitalization Committee.

2. **2019 Purchase of Fire Apparatus Vehicle** – Chairperson C. Whitney highlighted that financing proposals being sought, and analysis of cash/finance balance evaluation being performed. Independent Fire Company and the Borough Administration continue to move the purchase process forward.
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. **JSD Vestibule Project** – Chairperson C. Whitney highlighted the safety vestibule has been completed. The Borough will be performing the final inspections within the coming weeks and will be closing out the permit file.
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.

Councilor A. Khalil wanted to thank Sergeant A. Sulpizio for helping out with the Summer Music Series. Additionally, Councilor A. Khalil wanted to note that it appears as though domestic violence is becoming more prevalent within the Borough and noted that there are outlets to discuss domestic violence and receive help if needed.

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