



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
September 11th, 2019
7:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

Call to order: Councilor J. Lugar called the meeting to order.

Attendance:

- **Committee members present:** Councilor J. Lugar.
- **Committee members absent:** Vice President J. Conners, Councilor K. McGlonn, Councilor C. Soltysiak Chairperson C. Whitney, and Councilor K. Farrell.
- **Others present:** Councilor A. Khalil, President D. Pancoe, Borough Manager G. Locke, Engineer M. Bickerton, Public Works Foreman K. Riggins, Police Chief A. DiValentino, Fire Chief K. Lynch, and Fire Marshal K. Lynch.

Public Comment: Maureen Lucak, 115 Cedar Street, appeared before Council to discuss the possibility of permit parking on her street, the 100 block of Cedar Street. Ms. Lucak noted that Glanzmann Subaru employees and those who patronize Kings Corner take up parking along Cedar Street, which does not allow the residents to park. Ms. Lucak did bring a signed petition from the neighbors asking for permit parking. Police Chief A. DiValentino received the petition and noted that the Police Department will review and bring forth their observations and recommendations during the October committee meeting.

Reports

- **Police Department** - A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Mayor A. Dobbs noted that she has reviewed the domestic violence and diversity training and would like to have a presentation through the accreditation managers regarding these trainings as well as the chain of command chart. Additionally, Mayor A. Dobbs noted that there is a civil service training that will take place on October 22nd which is the federally mandated requirements for hiring. Mayor A. Dobbs noted that she and Borough Manager G. Locke will be in attendance.
- **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** – No Report.

New Business

1. **Fire Commission Meeting** – Councilor J. Lugar noted that the Fire Commission meeting will be held prior to the meeting the Council meeting next September 25th.

2. **Parking Meters along the 100 block of West Avenue** – Councilor J. Lugar noted that there are ten (10) parking spots along West Avenue that could be metered. Borough Manager G. Locke noted that this initiative was brought forward through Councilor D. Ballard which was confirmed by the Parking Enforcement Officer that it was utilized by mostly 10 hour parking. Public Works Foreman K. Riggins noted that the Borough currently has the meter houses and the total cost to the Borough was \$1,200 to paint, install and calibrate meters. It was noted that this item will be brought forward through Building, Zoning & Revitalization committee to full council due to the lack of a quorum.
3. **Permit Parking on the 100 block of Greenwood Avenue** – Councilor J. Lugar highlighted that there are residents have voiced concerns of Greenwood/Florence Avenue being overburdened by SEPTA parkers and would like to begin the process for permit parking to be considered. Borough Manager G. Locke noted that the resident reached out to him and asked that it be reviewed as she believes that SEPTA riders take up the parking along the street. Police Chief A. DiValentino noted a study was completed a few years prior which showed that a majority of the cars belonged to 169 Greenwood Avenue.
4. **2017 Green Light Go Grant** – Councilor J. Lugar highlighted this grant funding completed the update all of the Borough traffic lights to LED, install battery back-ups and four portable generators. The project has been completed. PennDOT has completed their final inspection (paperwork in packet) and all intersections and crossings are working per permit design. The grant closeout paperwork has commenced. Engineer M. Bickerton noted that he will provide the Engineers recommendation before the Administration & Finance committee.
5. **No Left Turn Signage at Runnymede & Walnut** – Councilor J. Lugar noted that at the August Council meeting, Borough Council approved the filing of the TE-160 with PennDOT for approval to amend the traffic control device permit, which will relocate No Left Turn Signage locations at this intersection.

Councilor A. Khalil noted that she received the following feedback from the Coffee with the Chief. Councilor A. Khalil noted that residents were unhappy with the amount of dog waste being left around the Borough. Councilor J. Lugar noted that she does not believe the Borough should start placing signs all around the Borough regarding curbing your dog, however residents are more than welcome to install these signs. Councilor A. Khalil asked if the Police Department can begin enforcing. Police Chief A. DiValentino noted that the Police Department does write letters to offenders when they are able to locate offenders.

Councilor A. Khalil also noted that she has been receiving complaints and concerns about the crosswalk at Rydal and York Road. Councilor A. Khalil noted that even when the pedestrians have the crossing light, cars are turning and pedestrians cannot cross. Engineer M. Bickerton noted that this intersection is a state road however will review and bring the findings before the committee.

Councilor A. Khalil noted that she has also been receiving complaints and concerns about the speeding on Washington Lane. Police Chief A. DiValentino noted that this road is divided between Abington Township and Jenkintown Borough and unfortunately there is no where to put a speed trailer. Police Chief A. DiValentino noted that a speed study was completed over 48 hours and in 48 hours, 6498 cars traveled northbound and 6575 cars traveled southbound. Police

Chief A. DiValentino noted that the 85th percentile of cars traveled 34 mph or under with one car traveling between 61-65 mph. Police Chief A. DiValentino noted that patrol will watch this area closely for speeding.

Old Business

- 1. Jenkintown Police Department Sergeant Exam/Promotion** – Police Chief A. DiValentino noted that the Police Department presented the request, which was approved during the 2019 budget season. Police Chief A. DiValentino noted that the Police Department believes that the move is prudent. Mayor A. Dobbs noted that she met with a few police officers and noted that lack of advancement is the reason they would no longer be employed.
- 2. 2017 CFA Multi-modal Grant: Washington Lane & Greenwood Avenue** – Councilor J. Lugar highlighted that the Borough has been notified that Abington Township has begun discussing design and costs and a coordination meeting is being arranged. As background, 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. President D. Pancoe noted that she overheard Abington held a meeting regarding this project. Borough Manager G. Locke noted he would inquire what the meeting was regarding and report to Council as seen fit.
- 3. 2019 Purchase of Fire Apparatus Vehicle** – Councilor J. Lugar highlighted that a cost being finalized. Presentation was made at the August Council meeting. 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. Borough Manager G. Locke noted that the Borough received a purchase order from tools and supplies for approximately \$24,000. This item will be brought before Administration & Finance.
- 4. Washington Lane Safety Measures – Update** – Councilor J. Lugar highlighted PennDOT has performed the line painting adding “skip-marks” that delineate the path of travel for cars navigating the bend in.
- 5. Fire Department Training – Update** - Councilor J. Lugar noted that the training records have been submitted and will be discussed more at the Fire Commission meeting.

Mayor A. Dobbs would like to be known as the town that enforces the speed limit and would like to begin ticketing. Police Chief A. DiValentino noted 21 citations written within the school zone and 17 of those were Jenkintown residents.

Adjournment: On motion of Chairperson J. Lugar, seconded by President D. Pancoe, the motion to adjourn the meeting passed unanimously.