

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE November 13th, 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, Councilor K. McGlonn, Vice President J. Conners, Councilor C. Soltysiak, Councilor M. Marlowe and Councilor K. Farrell.
- Committee members absent: None at this time.
- **Others present**: Councilor A. Khalil, President D. Pancoe, Borough Manager G. Locke, Engineer K. Hassan, Public Works Foreman K. Riggins, Police Chief A. DiValentino.

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.
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New Business

- Fire Commission Meeting Councilor J. Lugar noted that the October Fire Commission meeting was held on Wednesday, October 30th and the November meeting was held prior to this meeting.
- 2. 2019 Purchase of Fire Apparatus Vehicle Councilor J. Lugar noted that the 2019 Spartan Aerial Apparatus was delivered to Independent Fire Company on Thursday November 7th. The truck was placed in service on Monday the 11th. The 94 Pierce Aerial Apparatus has not been sold to date and is currently being stored at Horsham Fire Company at no cost. The 94 Pierce Aerial Apparatus will be stored there until it is sold

- No Left Turn Signage at Runnymede & Walnut Councilor J. Lugar highlighted that the TE-160 has been approved and the No Left Turn Signage has been relocated at this intersection and the project is now closed.
- 4. Fire Department Training Cedar Street Structures Councilor J. Lugar noted that due to scheduling issues with Public Utilities, the remediation and demolition Contractors, unfortunately there was not sufficient time to schedule and hold the proposed Fire Department training in the Cedar street structures.
- 5. Commercial / Business Parking Requirements Councilor J. Lugar noted that this agenda item was requested by Councilor Khalil to begin discussion of current Zoning, Parking and Vehicle Code requirements. Councilor J. Lugar found that Councilor Khalil is looking to change the code in regards to businesses parking on public streets and lots. Councilor J. Lugar found that this topic should go before the Building, Zoning & Revitalization Committee.
- 6. Civil Service Training Update Councilor J. Lugar noted that on Tuesday October 22nd, Manager Locke, Mayor Dobbs and Councilor Khalil attended a full day of Civil Service Training provided by the Pa State Association of Boroughs. Valuable information was provided, and class materials were obtained and distributed to Borough Council members. New laws, hypothetical scenarios, proper procedures and recommended best practices were discussed. Recommendations learned will be forwarded to the Borough Civil Service Commission for discussion.
- 7. Pedestrian Crosswalks York Road and West Avenue Councilor J. Lugar noted that in response to concerns raised to the Borough about the operation of the pedestrian crossing and crosswalks throughout the Borough has met with the Borough traffic Engineer. The operation of the pedestrian lights was discussed, and some crossings were inspected. A site inspection of all crossings is being arranged to confirm proper operation and compliance with the traffic light permit plans. The administration is attempting to include a couple residents on the walkthrough inspection so proper operation of the pedestrian crossing signals can be better shared with the public.

Old Business

- Solar Stop Sign Walnut Street & Hillside Avenue Councilor J. Lufar noted that this was continued discussion from last month. Engineer K. Hassan is still reviewing in order to provide updated information.
- 2. Parking Meters along the 100 block of West Avenue Councilor J. Lugar highlighted that the Borough approved the Ordinance to place ten (10) parking spots along West Avenue and remove the metered parking from the 300 block of Cottman Street. Public Works has removed the parking meters from Cottman Street and contacted the meter manufacturer to rent the calibration tool to recalibrate the meters for installation on West Avenue.

- 3. 2017 CFA Multi-modal Grant: Washington Lane & Greenwood Avenue Councilor J. Lugar noted there are no new updates at this time. Recently, the Borough has been notified that Abington Township has begun discussing design and costs. A coordination meeting is being arranged. The grant is 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.
- 4. Permit Parking on the 100 block of Greenwood Avenue Councilor J. Lugar noted that there are no new updates. Recently, the Borough Administration has begun communications with Greenwood Terrace ownership on petition requirements. The administration would like further direction on proceeding with petition of residents. Councilor M. Marlowe would like to see the residents of the apartment building along the 100 block of Greenwood Avenue to file the petition as the single family homes along Greenwood Avenue have driveways.
- 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.

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