



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
January 8th, 2020
7:00 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

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

Attendance:

- **Committee members present:** Chairperson J. Lugar, Vice President J. Conners, Councilor J. Bruno, Councilor M. Marlowe and Councilor K. Farrell.
- **Committee members absent:** Councilor K. McGlonn, Councilor C. Soltysiak None at this time.
- **Others present:** Councilor A. Khalil, Finance Director R. Ware, Engineer K. Hassan, Public Works Foreman K. Riggins, Mayor A. Dobbs, and Police Chief A. DiValentino.

Public Comment: None at this time.

Reports

- **Police Department** - A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Police Chief A. DiValentino noted that there was a large crowd outside Fig Café on New Years and that the Police Department handled as such.
- **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 J. Lugar noted that the January Fire Commission meeting was held prior to this meeting.
2. **2019 Purchase of Fire Apparatus Vehicle** – Chairperson J. Lugar noted that the 2019 Spartan Aerial Apparatus was delivered and placed in service. The 94 Pierce Aerial Apparatus has not been sold to date and is currently being stored at Horsham Fire Company at no cost. There are two outstanding invoices that once submitted will finalize the purchase process.
3. **FEMA SAFER Grant** – Chairperson J. Lugar highlighted that the Borough has advertised the Request for Proposal for the recruitment portion of the SAFER Grant. The RFP is due January 17th at 4:00 PM. The Borough is hopeful to have all proposals reviewed and the lowest

responsible bidder placed on the January Council Agenda for award. To date, the Borough has provided the RFP to seven consultants.

4. **Pedestrian Crosswalks York Road and West Avenue** – Chairperson 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 residents on the walkthrough inspection so proper operation of the pedestrian crossing signals can be better shared with the public.
5. **Speed Trailer Lights** – Chairperson J. Lugar noted that concerns voiced regarding the red/blue lights installed on speed trailer. Police Chief A. DiValentino noted that they called the manufacturer and can have additional red lights sent, that the Borough would need to purchase, however can replace the blue lights. Police Chief A. DiValentino noted that they have only received one concern to date and likes the red and blue lights and the way the speed trailer functions. Chairperson J. Lugar does not feel as though a policy should be changed for one resident and would like to continue the functions the way they are currently handled. Councilor J. Bruno asked if Police Chief A. DiValentino would follow up with the resident, Police Chief A. DiValentino noted that he will.

Councilor A. Khalil asked if the speed trailer can go along Washington Lane, between Township Line Road and York Road. Police Chief A. DiValentino noted that the speed trailer is unable to sit along that portion of Washington Lane safely, without impeding vehicular or pedestrian traffic. Councilor A. Khalil asked if the pole mounted signs can be installed. Police Chief A. DiValentino noted that they are within the Police Departments 2020 budget.

Old Business

1. **Solar Stop Sign – Walnut Street & Hillside Avenue** – Chairperson J. Lugar 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** – Chairperson 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** – Chairperson 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** – Chairperson J. Lugar noted that there were two residents have called to receive the process of requesting parking permits.

Borough Administration has not received any petitions to date. Police Chief A. DiValentino noted that he received a phone call as well and advised the residents that it has been discussed and the process. It was also noted that the resident has been given Greenwood Terrace's contact information.

- 5. Fire Department Training – Update** - Chairperson J. Lugar noted that the training records have been submitted and will be updated asap.

Councilor A. Khalil asked any residents have contacted the Borough or Police Department regarding the perceived parking problem along Division Street. It was noted that no residents has contacted the Borough to date.

Mayor A. Dobbs asked Police Chief A. DiValentino to amend the Canine Care policy. The proposed policy can be found in packets. Mayor A. Dobbs asked that this item appear on the Administration & Finance agenda for further discussion. Police Chief A. DiValentino feels as though the canine unit is a necessary function of the Police Department.

Police Chief A. DiValentino also wanted to discuss the “lock out” of the Police Department. Currently, Borough Administration and Borough Council are no longer able to use their key fobs to access the Police Department. Police Chief A. DiValentino noted that the Police Department was notified by the Department of Justice Criminal Justice Information Services. Police Chief A. DiValentino noted that such persons without clearance are permitted to enter, but must be escorted while in the facility at all times.

Chairperson J. Lugar would like to begin the discussion of passing a symbolic resolution regarding the second amendment and gun control. Additionally, Chairperson J. Lugar would like to notify the committee that it was brought to her attention during the Fire Commission meeting that all public officials must have NIMS Certification. Chairperson J. Lugar will bring more information before the committee next month.

Adjournment: On motion of Chairperson J. Lugar, seconded by Councilor J. Bruno, the motion to adjourn the meeting passed unanimously.