

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 11, 2016
1:30 P.M.

The following persons were present for the meeting: Chairperson Donna Isenberg, Committee members Jim Bair and John Gradwell, Councilmember James Decker, Sr., Code Enforcement Officer Scott Shaffer, Chief Rufus Brenneman, Mayor DeeDee Brown, Assistant Borough Secretary Melody J. Parsons, and Borough Manager William W. Wheeler.

Visitors: See attached sign-in sheet.

Chairperson Isenberg called the meeting to order.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were not any public comments at this time.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: Code Enforcement Officer Shaffer asked if there were any questions on his monthly Code Enforcement Officer's Report. Chairperson Isenberg asked how we are working out a vehicle for Scott. Mr. Shaffer responded that he works it out with the maintenance dept. for use of the truck. Mr. Shaffer reported that he has a hearing scheduled for the Ayers Property at 1514 Moore Street on October 24th. He has not heard anything on the Stewart Property. The warrants are still out. G & R is finished at the Africa Property 1419 Moore Street.

Councilperson Decker asked about the property on 5th Street that has junk the whole way around. If I lived next door I would be very unhappy. Mr. Shaffer responded that we do not have an ordinance to cover that type of thing.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Brenneman asked if anyone had any questions on the Chief of Police report. He reviewed his report with the committee.

Chief Brenneman reported that car 41 had to be towed to the garage. There was an issue with the battery.

Chief Brenneman reported that they had an incident at Juniata College. Officer McBride and Officer Franks were scheduled to work Juniata College Football event. They attended unknowingly that they were going to be presented with an Anti-police demonstration going on "Black Lives Matters". Chief Brenneman put a letter of commendation in each of their files stated that the officers demonstrated remarkable professionalism, modesty, and decorum. Both officers maintained a positive image of the police dept. Due to the fact that the dept. was not aware of this it could have put

the officers in a situation. Chief Brenneman contacted Juniata College and spoke with the head of security and President Troha to let them know that he was displeased with how this was handled by the College and asked why they did not notify the Police Dept.

Chief Brenneman announced that the veteran's parade is scheduled for November 5th at 11:00 am.

Councilperson Gradwell asked if there is anything that we can do to protect "Puff and Snuff". There has been several accidents at 7th and Mifflin Streets and a lot of near misses. Can safety poles or something be put there? Chief Brenneman responded the problem we have at that area is people are not paying attention or running the red light. We did have poles there at one time but they ended up being replaced so many times. Chairperson Isenberg stated that this should be the property owner's cost, not the borough's cost. Chief Brenneman stated that at another area the borough paid for them.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Brown reported that on November 12th there will be the annual canning fundraising for relay for life at Juniata College.

OLD BUSINESS:

WASTE TREATMENT PLANT PERIMETER SECURITY: Manager Wheeler is still waiting for one last bid. He estimates that the price will range from \$14,500.00--\$17,500.00.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK LIGHTS-4th and PENN STREETS, 8TH AND PENN STREETS waiting for information from TelPower: Manager Wheeler reported he has not been able to get in touch with Dave from TelPower.

NEW BUSINESS:

STOP SIGN REQUEST: Chairperson Isenberg stated that Mr. Foster requested a stop sign be placed at 24th Street and McClay Avenue. Chairperson Isenberg stated that the easiest way to put a stop sign on 24th Street is to use the sign already in place and turn it around. Chief Brenneman stated that those may be the schools. Chief Brenneman suggested a stop sign be put on 24th Street. President Quarry stated that he thinks we should go with Chief Brenneman's recommendation. Chairperson Isenberg will get in touch with Mr. Foster to see if we can use the school districts stop sign.

PARKING SPACE REQUEST-HIGH SCHOOL:

Chairperson Isenberg stated that the School District are asking to paint lines for parking spaces from Cassidy Avenue then turn right at 24th Street. Manager Wheeler will follow up with Mr. Foster letting him know that Council has agreed that the School District may go ahead and paint lines for parking.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK PYLON REQUEST-10TH & MOORE STREET-CHIEF BRENNEMAN:

Chairperson Isenberg asked about the crosswalk pylon that she had requested. It has not been put in place yet. Chief Brenneman responded that he was not sure if she still wanted it because of Dubois Business College closing. Chairperson Isenberg explained that she had a person come to her stating that the school bus still stops at Dubois Business College and their concern was a child had to be stopped from crossing not at the pedestrian crossing. They were asking for a couple of pylons but with the School Closing, there is no one to take them down. Councilperson Bair stated possibly a parent could remove it. Chairperson Isenberg suggested that we put a pylon out and see how it goes.

OTHER ISSUES: Chairperson Isenberg stated that she received information from Councilperson Decker regarding Pedestrian Channelizing Devices Portable signs. Councilperson Decker explained that he contacted PennDot and received information regarding pedestrian crossing. Councilperson Decker explained the process and stated that he feels that the Public Safety Committee needs to establish the regulations and adapt these devices for use in the Borough. Chairperson Isenberg stated that we will take this information and review it.

Adjournment

BY: Melody Parsons
Assistant Borough Secretary