

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**DECEMBER 13, 2016**  
**1:30 P.M.**

The following persons were present for the meeting: Chairperson Donna Isenberg, Committee members Jim Bair and John Gradwell, President David Quarry, Councilmembers Ron Enyeart, James Decker, Sr., Code Enforcement Officer Scott Shaffer, Corporal Jeff Buckley, 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 and welcomed all visitors.

**RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Dean Harris asked why you are putting the electric security gate at the sewer plant. Manager Wheeler responded that Bob Winters from homeland security paid us a visit a year or so ago. One recommendation from him was to secure the water plant and the sewer plant. It was decided that when we were doing the upgrade at the water plant we would secure the gate at the same time. Now we are doing the sewer plant. Councilperson Bair stated that it's a recommendation from the government. Mr. Harris stated that all you have to do is use a ladder to climb over it.

Jeff Gill questioned the right-hand turn signal at 8<sup>th</sup> and Washington Streets. He said it turns yellow for about 30 seconds then it turns green again. Why does it even change at all? Someone is going to get rear ended there. He has seen several close calls. Corporal Buckley will have the Officer's take a look at this situation.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:** Code Enforcement Officer Shaffer asked if there were any questions on his monthly Code Enforcement Officer's Report. He reviewed his report with the committee. Chairperson Isenberg noted a couple new addresses under the Properties Uniformed Construction Code. They are 907 Mifflin St., 1515 Penn St., 1528 Moore St., and 1514 Moore St. Chairperson Isenberg asked Code Enforcement Officer Shaffer why he is referring people to Keystone Legal Services or Center for Community Action for landlords not taking care of their properties. Code Enforcement Officer Shaffer reported because we do not do rental inspections. Chairperson Isenberg stated that she has received some calls concerning property owners receiving letters regarding landlords not returning their forms and they will be cited. Manager Wheeler stated that we sent the letters out stated that they are required by ordinance to complete the registration and return it. Chairperson Isenberg asked the other Councilmembers if they received a letter from Mrs. Shope. Chairperson Isenberg would like things to be said differently or we

should pick up the phone and call people. Chairperson Isenberg said Code Enforcement Officer Shaffer is doing an excellent job on blighted properties. But we are going to have to come up with a way for people that normally don't have issues with and are getting letters to be contacted beforehand. Manager Wheeler stated that at this time we are trying to obtain a database. There are a lot of landlords in Huntingdon. There were a lot of letters that went out.

Chairperson Isenberg would like to meet monthly to begin reviewing the ordinance for building violation citations. She will get with the committee to schedule a meeting.

**CHIEF'S REPORT:** Corporal Buckley was present to provide the Chief of Police report. Chief Brenneman is away at training. He reviewed the report with the Committee. Corporal Buckley reported that Officer Kagarise and Officer Young went to the State Police Academy and received their "A" certification in wiretap.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Brown reported that Officer McBride is now certified as a SRO officer.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK LIGHTS-4<sup>th</sup> and PENN STREETS, 8<sup>TH</sup> AND PENN STREETS waiting for information from TelPower:** Chairperson Isenberg stated that we are waiting to hear back from TelPower. When TelPower gets back to us we will talk to them about the concern at the light at 8<sup>th</sup> and Washington Streets.

**PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK PYLON REQUEST -10<sup>th</sup> & MOORE STREET-CHIEF BRENNEMAN:** Completed

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**STOP SIGN REQUEST-HIGH SCHOOL McCLAY AVENUE-CONTACTED RICH WILSON TO PREPARE STOP SIGN ORDINANCE AND PUBLIC NOTICE FOR THE DAILY NEWS:** Chairperson Isenberg stated this ordinance will go on the agenda for January.

**HANDICAPPED PARKING REQUEST – 12<sup>TH</sup> STREET UNITED**

**METHODIST CHURCH:** Chairperson Isenberg stated that we received a letter from the 12<sup>th</sup> Street United Methodist Church requesting 2 handicapped parking spaces on the 12<sup>th</sup> Street side of the church off Mifflin Street . Chairperson Isenberg suggested to the Church that they buy the portable pylons that say "Handicapped Parking". They can use them for any event they have. She asked if anyone disagreed.

The Committee agreed. She will get back to Janet Miller, the church secretary, with this recommendation.

**OTHER ISSUES:**

**SAFETY EYE GLASSES:** Chairperson Isenberg stated she received information regarding costs associated with Prescription Safety Eye Glasses. There is no further update. She will send this information out to Council.

**9<sup>TH</sup> & MOORE STREET (Hill & Curve) SIGNAGE:** Councilperson Bair is concerned about 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Moore needing additional signage. We have made a couple changes there, but there are still people coming over the yellow line. Councilperson Bair said he would like to see a “slow down” sign put on with existing sign. Manager Wheeler will check with Supt. Yarnell to see what the cost of the sign would be. Manager Wheeler will look at a couple options and bring information back to the next meeting.

**PEDESTRIAN CROSSING SIGNS MANAGEMENT-JIM DECKER:**

Chairperson Isenberg stated that the Committee will review this along with the Police Dept. This is for portable signs. This will create a centralized borough policy stating were these channeling devices can be put.

Kay Rossman, Acorn Circle in the Highlands, stated that at the intersection of Acorn Circle and Arbor Bluff Drive there is a blind spot. She stated that speed is also a problem. There are not any speed limit signs posted. She suggested a circle mirror for this intersection. It is very dangerous at this spot. She stated that she just found out that the homeowners’ covenants have expired. There aren't any street lights which is a safety issue. She asked if the Borough would consider installing Street Lights. She also stated that we also never see any police presence. Ms. Rossman reported that there is a problem with water runoff. When homes were put on Catharine Street there was no possibility for disposing of water runoff from the homes on that Street. The residents channel their water into the backyards of the residents on Acorn Circle. Manager Wheeler will have the runoff issue investigated. Chairperson Isenberg stated that these items will be put on the agenda for the Maintenance Committee.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

BY: Melody Parsons  
Assistant Borough Secretary