

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
JANUARY 12, 2016
1:30 P.M.

The following persons were present for the meeting: Chairwoman Donna Isenberg, Committee Member Jim Bair, Councilmembers James Decker Sr., President David Quarry; Mayor Dee Dee Brown, Chief Rufus Brenneman, Assistant Borough Secretary Melody J. Parsons, and Borough Manager William W. Wheeler.

Visitors: Gary Cramer, Jennifer Clark, John Gradwell, Chuck Streightiff, Erik Lindberg, Shawn Magill, and The Daily News.

Chairwoman Isenberg called the meeting to order.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT: Shawn Magill was present to ask Council to sign the new Box Call structure.

Chuck Streightiff, retired Police Chief, was present to ask Council what ordinances or zoning regulations they may have regarding Homeless Shelters in the Borough. Manager Wheeler is going to get in touch with Solicitor Wilson about the zoning for churches.

John Gradwell asked about when the repair to the pole on 4th and Penn would be taking place. Chief Brenneman stated Penelec has been notified. It's on their schedule.

Erik Lindberg stated homeless is an issue in this town.

Solicitor Wilson arrived at 2:40 p.m.

Jennifer Clark stated that the fire personnel do a great job. She has seen fire personnel running stop signs. She asked that they be reminded to follow the street signs.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: Manager Wheeler stated the Code Enforcement office was investigating the complaints from Church Street regarding the Chickens.

Gary Cramer asked what is going on with the Hess Property on Moore Street. Chairman Isenberg asked Solicitor Wilson if it is still in estate. Councilman Bair stated that it is being Sheriff sold.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Brenneman stated that today is BJ Strauser's last day after 28 years of employment.

Chief Brenneman has been working with the Commissioners regarding the overtime for the dispatchers.

John Gradwell asked if he has looked into the Elan Systems for speeding. Chief said the question is the money. Mayor Brown asked the Chief what does the system do. The Chief responded that it clocks the speed and the number of vehicles along with date and time.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor did not have a report at this time.

OPEN ISSUES:

NO HUNTING SIGNS-BOROUGH PROPERTY: Chairwoman Isenberg asked if the signs have been put up. Manager Wheeler responded that Supt. Yarnell has reported to him that he has some of them up.

WARM SPRINGS WALKWAY (SHADY AVE. TO PEACE CHAPEL RD.):

Manager Wheeler reported that the earliest they could get signs up and road painted would be spring.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT PERIMETER SECURITY:

Chairwoman Isenberg stated that the date scheduled turned out not to be good for Mr. Winters. He cannot do January 21st so it has been rescheduled for February 23rd at 9:00 a.m.

FERAL CATS: Chairwoman Isenberg said that she would report to Laura Meyers at Mom's Pets that we would not be following thru with her feral cat program at this time.

CHERRY AVENUE: Manager Wheeler reported that the signs have been put up.

FIFTH AVENUE STREET SIGNS: Manager Wheeler reported that the signs are up.

WARM SPRINGS AVENUE-CHANGE ADDRESSES:

In order for the County Mapping office to correct existing addressing house numbers . To correct the issue, The had to to change the following addresses on Warm Springs Avenue:

2739 Warm Springs Avenue – new address, 2737 Warm Springs Avenue

2741A Warm Springs Avenue – new address, 2739 Warm Springs Avenue

NEW BUSINESS:

ADDRESS CHANGE 409 MIFFLIN STREET: They are going to make a correction to the address at the building located at 409-411 Mifflin Street. They recommend addressing the entire building as 209 Mifflin Street and assigning the apartments as 1 and 2.

This is a list of the address changes that County Mapping is making for Mifflin Street:

319 7th Street, Apt 201,202,203,204 TO 706 Mifflin Street, Apt 201,202,203,204
319 7th Street, Apt 301,302,303,304 TO 706 Mifflin Street, Apt 301,302,303,304

The new house numbers will be as follows for the address changes on William Smith Street are as follows:

- 310B – 306
- 310A – 308
- 312C – 310
- 312B – 312
- 314 – 314, APT 1
- 314C – 314, APT 2

President Quarry stated that they alley between 8th and 9th Streets needs to have a sign with height restrictions. When delivery trucks use Willow alley they hit a property owners overhead porch . We should find the height of the lowest overhead porch and go a foot lower. President Quarry will check the height restriction.

CHANGE OF TIME FOR FUTURE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MEETINGS 2nd Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.: Chairwoman Isenberg stated we thought if we changed our next Maintenance Committee Meeting then Councilman Shaffer could attend. President Quarry stated that the committee meetings will all be discussed at the administrative committee meeting.

OTHER ISSUES:

Councilman Bair asked about the Orlady Wall he feels strongly that Council needs to take steps to repair the wall. Chairwoman Isenberg stated that she does not disagree but with the history of the property if keeps changing hands. Manager Wheeler will continue with planning for repairing the Orlady Wall using the borough employees.

Adjournment

BY: Melody Parsons
Assistant Borough Secretary

FINAL DRAFT