

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

February 14, 2017

2:00 P.M.

The following persons were present for the meeting: Chairperson Donna Isenberg, Committee members Jim Bair and John Gradwell, President David Quarry, 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: Gary Cramer, Sean Steeg

Chairperson Isenberg called the meeting to order and welcomed all visitors.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT:

The meeting began with a demonstration from Pam Grugan and Dave Berger of the flower planters that will be put on the flag holders on the parking meters. Stacia-Fe Gillan from the PA Conservation District was also present to provide the committee with grant information to obtain rain barrels to provide the water essential for sustainability for the flowers.

Chairperson Isenberg asked the committee members if anyone had an objection to moving forward with this project. Everyone is in agreement with Pam Grugan moving ahead with the project. She should return at a later meeting with an update. Ms. Grugan reported that the florist wants to order the flowers in March.

Mayor Brown stated that she challenged the police dept. to purchase a flower pot and flowers. The Police Dept. purchased one. She would also like to challenge the 7 councilmembers to purchase a flower pot. President Quarry accepts the Mayor's challenge and put in the 1st \$25.00 from Council. Jim Bair accepts, John Gradwell accepts. Donna Isenberg accepted and provided a check for \$175 for an addition basket of flowers and hanger.

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. Mr. Shaffer reported that he showed the property at the 407 Moore Street to 3 contractors. He expects 2 bids back.

Chairperson Isenberg had a question on page 2 of the report. The hearing regarding trash was dismissed. Mr. Shaffer reported that the property owner cleaned it up.

Chairperson Isenberg reported that the safety committee met to discuss the process of ticketing for code violations. Solicitor Wilson is drafting the Ordinance.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Brenneman reviewed his report with the Committee. Chief Brenneman asked if there were any questions. The officers are currently working on the mandated update training; they have to pass to continue to be a police officer. Some officers still have to complete the bloodborne pathogens training. He and Manager Wheeler have been working on the 911 bill. Officer Adam McBride has been filling in for Corp. Jeff Buckley with the school district as the SRO Officer.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Brown does not have a report for today.

OLD BUSINESS:

CARS TURNING INTO PARKING LOT OFF 8TH STREET, CONCERN FOR CUSTOMER CROSSING LOT INTO 8TH STREET CORNER DELI & GRILL
SPEED BUMP TO BE INSTALLED. MANAGER WHEELER TO SCHEDULE:
Manager Wheeler reported that he spoke with Supt. Yarnell about this.

HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES (VAN ACCESSIBLE): 1 OFF 8TH STREET ENTRANCE AND 1 AT 7TH STREET ENTRANCE. MANAGER WHEELER TO SCHEDULE.

MECHANICAL GATE, WATER PLANT, (MOVE TO MAINTENANCE COM.) FOR REPAIRS. This item has been moved to the Maintenance Committee.

ACORN & ARBOR BLUFF-NO POLICE PROTECTION: Chairperson Isenberg stated that the officers have been patrolling through the area every day. Manager Wheeler will contact the Home Owners' Covenant Group to provide information regarding K. Rossman's concerns.

SAFETY EYE GLASSES--On hold until after union contract was settled. Chairperson Isenberg stated that her personal opinion is that they received a very nice contract and she does not think we should be responsible for paying for safety glasses. She asked if anyone objected to going back to the Safety Committee and telling them that we are not going to provide them this year. There were no objections.

9TH & MOORE STREET, Curve Sign, Additional Research needed. Chairperson Isenberg stated that she does not know how much money we have in the sign budget. This will remain on agenda until spring.

NEW BUSINESS:

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING SIGNS MANAGEMENT-CHIEF BRENNEMAN:

Chief Brenneman stated that he has been looking into this. One question came up regarding who would take them down. Manager Wheeler stated that there is a PennDot Policy and he provided it to Jesse Leonard, Juniata College. Councilperson Bair asked what does the PennDot Policy state. Manager Wheeler stated that it tells you everything.

POLICE OFFICERS & 911 DISPATCHERS ‘DEPARTMENTAL’

COMMENDATION DURING CRITICAL INCIDENT: Chairperson Isenberg stated that she received a correspondence from Joe Thompson, 911 Center. He would like to see the Council give a departmental commendation to those dispatchers who worked the evening of the critical incident. She feels that it is a nice thing to do but she feels that the police dept. also deserves commendation too. She stated that the officers had to be called in to help. She asked Councilmembers if they agree we should do a commendation for both police officers and dispatchers. She would like to see if they could be prepared for presentation at the Regular Meeting this month.

OTHER ISSUES:

BOROUGH STRATEGIC PLAN: GOAL #2, IMPROVE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, ESPECIALLY FOR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES.

Chairperson Isenberg stated that she feels her committee is going in the right direction to meet our goal with the ticket ordinance that the committee is working on presently.

Chairperson Isenberg also stated that there are a couple of property owners that Scott Shaffer will be working with to get the repairs made to their properties.

Mr. Shaffer reported that he has received complaints that the men picking up the recycling are running back and forth on the streets without a safety vest. Manager Wheeler will address this concern with the Recycling Contractor

Mr. Shaffer asked Council if they received a report on the 9th Street Deli. Manager Wheeler reported that we had received complaints that they are doing work without a building permit. Mr. Shaffer and Rod Smay, from Bureau Veritas, did go check and there were people inside the property working without a permit. They agreed they could go ahead and work on the floor. Councilperson Bair stated that he is concerned about the building itself structurally. He was told that someone looked at the building

and the structure under the floor is collapsing. Mr. Shaffer reported that Mr. Smay stated that the building is structurally sound.

Chairperson Isenberg reported that she has been contacted by 2 people that the Borough crews are not wearing their hard hats. Manager Wheeler stated that he will bring it up in Supervisors meeting.

Mr. Shaffer asked for permission to obtain training to become an Official Building Code Official. This would enhance his ability to recognize dangerous structures. The class reviews acts etc. Chairperson Isenberg asked Mr. Shaffer to put copies of the information in all of Council's mailboxes. Council will get back to Manager Wheeler with their recommendation.

Councilperson Gradwell reported that from 14th Street on Warm Springs Avenue there is water coming up out of the Street. The water freezes. We need to have somebody make sure that it is being treated. Chairperson Isenberg stated she is going to ask Councilperson Enyeart to put this on his agenda for the Maintenance Committee.

ADJOURNMENT:

BY: Melody Parsons
Assistant Borough Secretary