

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
APRIL 11, 2017
2:00 P.M.

The following persons were present for the meeting: Chairperson Donna Isenberg, Committee members John Gradwell and Jim Bair; Councilmembers James Decker, Sr., President David Quarry, Code Enforcement Officer Scott Shaffer, Chief Jeffrey Buckley, Mayor DeeDee Brown, Borough Manager William W. Wheeler, and Assistant Borough Secretary Melody Parsons.

Visitors: Gary Cramer and Dean Harris.

Chairperson Isenberg called the meeting to order.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT: Gary Cramer asked when the speed bumps were going to be put in at the 8th Street parking lot. Someone is going to get hit coming out of the Deli. Chairperson Isenberg suggested putting a sign inside the Deli door to remind people when exiting to watch for traffic entering the parking lot. Chairperson Isenberg thanked Mr. Cramer for bringing this to the Committee's attention. She stated that it will be taken care of in the spring.

Dean Harris stated that the street sweeper operator is doing the best job ever since he has had it out this year. Mr. Harris said he noticed that no tickets were on cars that should have moved off the street. Mayor Brown stated that the police dept. gave only warnings this time. She stated that this time was a courtesy but they will ticket next time.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: Code Enforcement Officer Shaffer asked if there were any questions on his report. He reviewed his report with the committee. He reported on the property at 407 Moore Street. The property owner has 30 days to move on turning the property over to the borough.

Gary Cramer reported that the sign is falling off the side of the building at 720 Mifflin. It is the old Mainstream Counseling Building

Mayor Brown asked Mr. Shaffer if he has a violation does he cite the person immediately. Mr. Shaffer explained that he sends out the 1st notice in which they have 25 days to respond. Then the 2nd notice gives them 15 days to respond.

TICKETING FOR CODE VIOLATIONS: Chairperson Isenberg reported that the Committee is working on the Ordinance to change the current violation process to a ticketing process.

Mr. Shaffer stated that it has been reported that there is an issue with the neighbor's tree hanging over to the property at 1020 Mifflin St. Mr. Shaffer reported that this is a civil matter. He cannot get involved in it.

Chief Jeffrey Buckley arrived at 2:13 pm

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Buckley asked if there were any questions on his report. He reviewed his report with the committee. He reported that he is short an officer at this time, due to Officer Gummo taking off.

Chief Buckley wanted to make council aware that he has learned of a grant writer that charges \$1,000.00 per grant.

Chairperson Isenberg reported that there has been 3 hit and runs on Moore Street. Chief Buckley stated that he wants to slow traffic down in the mornings.

Councilperson Gradwell stated that he sees a lot of training listed on the Chief of Police Report. Chief Buckley reported that some are voluntary.

Councilperson Bair reported that the County hired the 911 Director today. It is Chris Stevens. He will be starting on Monday.

Manager Wheeler reported that Dave has been coming in to do some technical work in the 911 Center. Those hours are being billed directly to the County.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Brown stated that she has been getting telephone calls about the "No Parking Maintenance Day" signs. Calls are coming in asking about no parking but they do not see any maintenance going on that would prevent them from parking. They live there and see nothing going on all day. She asked Council what should she tell these people. Manager Wheeler will put an article in the paper to remind people of "No Parking Maintenance Day"

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 in spring.

HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES (VAN ACCESSIBLE): 1 OFF 8TH STREET ENTRANCE AND 1 AT 7TH STREET ENTRANCE. Manager Wheeler to schedule in spring.

9TH STREET & MOORE STREET, CURVE SIGN: Schedule meeting with PennDOT. Manager Wheeler will send the information he has on signs to Council.

911 EMPLOYEES & POLICE OFFICERS COMMENDATION –DON'T WISH TO BE RECOGNIZED.

Chairperson Isenberg stated that Manager Wheeler said they were just doing their job. Manager Wheeler stated they do not want individuals commended they want a group commendation. Mayor Brown will complete the plaque for the police dept. and Manager Wheeler will do the plaque for 911. They will have them completed by the Regular Meeting on Tuesday.

NEW BUSINESS:

PORTABLE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING SIGN POLICY-CHIEF BUCKLEY- IN PROCESS: Manager Wheeler will get the Policy prepared for the portable pedestrian crossing signs.

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

Chairperson Isenberg suggested that we survey the borough by zone asking them to list appropriate address. Manager Wheeler stated that we could put in the paper that it is a requirement to have your house numbers on your house.

Manager Wheeler reported that he has the activity calendar complete and it went live today. Anyone can enter data on the calendar.

ADJOURNMENT:

BY: Melody Parsons
Assistant Borough Secretary