

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MAY 10, 2016
1:30 P.M.

The following persons were present for the meeting: Chairperson Donna Isenberg, Committee Member Jim Bair and John Gradwell, Councilmembers President David A. Quarry, James Decker Sr., Chief Rufus Brenneman, Code Enforcement Officer Scott Shaffer, 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.

Chairperson Isenberg explained that she will be conducting the meeting as the Committee Rules state. Any visitors requesting to speak may do so at the beginning of the meeting and then hold all other comments until the end. She explained they are using the Committee rules in hopes that the committee may be able to stay on task.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT: Gary Cramer asked what is being done with the Hess property at 1601 Moore Street. Code Enforcement Officer Shaffer explained that he has been investigating this property. There is a Maintenance Co. that has a listing posted on the door. He called the Maintenance Co. and they instructed him to go on their website and do a work order. They have 7 days to complete the work order.

Dean Harris spoke to Council stating that when things come up and Council does not know anything about it, and he does. He would like to be able to give his input from his knowledge and experience working with the system. He does not want them to make a decision that may be wrong unbeknownst to the borough. Chairperson Isenberg stated that we will take his thoughts into consideration.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: Code Enforcement Officer Shaffer provided a report to the Committee and asked if there were any questions. As of today everyone has been sent letters regarding dealing with their violations except for 225 Allegheny Street. He is working with the Manager Wheeler on this issue. Code Enforcement Officer Shaffer stated as far as an update from the Dangerous Structure hearing. Penelec is removing the power to the residence at 1419 Moore Street today.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Brenneman asked if anyone had any questions on his report. He reviewed his report with the Committee. Officer Kagarise is back off of sick leave.

Chief Brenneman reported Country Systems installed the new server. They upgraded our internet speed but the router needs updated.

Chief Brenneman reported that the radar speed sign is up and operating. He is learning how to program it.

Chief Brenneman wanted to commend the man for helping get it set up and getting the trailer together. He reported The Legion gave a \$1000.00 donation that covered the trailer and jacks.

Chief Brenneman stated that he applied for bullet proof vests. There are 8 officers that need to replace their vests this year. The reimbursement is close to 50% of the cost of the vests.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Brown stated that she is getting complaints about people hanging around the 14th Street Sheetz construction site. She asked Code Enforcement Officer Shaffer if he noticed there being a lot of people hanging around the site. He will keep a watch on it.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Chairperson Isenberg stated that this is on the schedule for the lines in spring.

WATER/WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PERIMETER SECURITY:

Chairperson Isenberg reported that this was discussed at the Water/Wastewater Treatment Committee meeting. It was also discussed whether to have parking for employees inside or outside of the security fencing. Councilperson Bair stated that employee parking should be the same at the Water Plant and Wastewater Treatment Plant. Chairperson Isenberg stated she feels that they should be permitted to park inside the fence for the time being. Manager Wheeler will email Council the information regarding the cost for the fence. The recommendation for the fence will be added to the agenda for the regular meeting this month. We will not be doing anything at this time at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

MAINTENANCE YARD: Manager Wheeler explained that there will be one gate installed for both yards.

ORLADY WALL REPAIRS-MEETING TO BE SCHEDULED: Chairperson Isenberg received dates that Solicitor Wilson will be available to schedule a meeting

with the parties involved in the Or Lady Wall Repairs. She will get the meeting scheduled. The Safety Committee will bring information from the meeting back to the rest of Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

PARKING LOT WATER TREATMENT PLANT-Inside or Outside of Security Fencing: Chairperson Isenberg stated this has already been discussed and the decision was made that the employees will continue parking inside the fence.

OFFICE OF AGING, 10TH STREET-HANDICAPPED PARKING (one hour only): Chairperson Isenberg explained that they have had a handicapped parking sign at this area for years. They are requested that Council make it 1 hour only parking. Code Enforcement Officer Shaffer stated that at William Smith Street and Penn Street we have a 30 minute time limit on a handicapped spot. Chairperson Isenberg stated that they will include this on the schedule for site visits on May 18th. The following are the scheduled sites.

a) 9th & MOORE STREET-DOUBLE LINE-Site visit scheduled Wed., 5/18/16, 10:30 A.M.:

b) 12TH & WARM SPRINGS AVENUE-DOUBLE LINE-Site visit scheduled Wed., 5/18/16, 10:30 A.M.

c) PAPER STREET (BLAIR AVENUE) & COLLEGE –NO PARKING: Site visit scheduled Wed., 5/18/16, 10:30 A.M.:

d) LUTHERAN CHURCH-REQUEST FOR “NO PARKING SIGNS”- Site visit scheduled Wed., 5/18/16, 10:30 A.M.

e) GROVE’S STORE-REQUEST FOR 30 MINUTE PARKING METERS: Chairperson Isenberg reported that Grove’s has sent in a request explaining that they are having some issues that are effecting their business. They would like to have 2 parking meters on 4th Street and 1 on Allegheny Street posted with a 30 minute limit for parking. Councilperson Gradwell stated that he feels if we do this we are setting an unwanted precedent. Chairperson Isenberg stated that she will add this to the site visit list.

PENNDOT TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DATA COUNT-BETWEEN APRIL 2016 AND JULY 2016 (see e-mail dated 4/15/16): Chairperson Isenberg stated that Council received a letter from PennDOT stating that they will be putting counters on

Penn Street, 23rd Street, 14th Street, 6th Street and Moore Street throughout the summer.

OTHER ISSUES: Councilperson Gradwell asked for Council to look for a solution at the arch and 8th Street and separating the right and left turn including the walkway.

Jeff Gill wanted to reference the comment of the Mayor's regarding visitors at the Sheetz construction site. He noticed that the back hoe was very close the fence. So close that it was shaking it and people were standing at the fence. He thinks this is a concern.

Chief Brenneman wanted to add that the new phone system has been completed on the Police Dept. side.

Chief Brenneman reported that he researched the number of accidents at 12th and Warm Springs Avenue. He noted that there were 3 accidents at this location since 2008.

FINAL DRAFT

Adjournment

BY: Melody Parsons
Assistant Borough Secretary