

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
JULY 7, 2016
3:30 P.M.

The following persons were present for the meeting: Chairperson Donna Isenberg, Committee Members James Decker, Sr., Chief Rufus Brenneman, 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.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT: Jennifer Clark suggested that a walkway be put from JC Blair to Warm Springs Avenue. She stated that there is a lot of foot traffic in that area. Chairperson Isenberg stated that this matter will be put on the Maintenance Committee agenda for discussion.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: Code Enforcement Officer Shaffer is on vacation.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Brenneman asked if anyone had any questions on his report. He reviewed his report with the Committee. Chief Brenneman reported that the new CAD system will be up and running on July 12th.

He also reported that he received a communication from Tom Bollinger stated that Penelec will be replacing a pole on 14th Street between Moore and Mifflin Streets on July 12th.

Chief Brenneman will be getting some numbers together for Council to utilize for 911Huntingdon County Dispatch negotiations.

Chief Brenneman reported that The Bikers for Barkers will be coming through town on Saturday beginning at 3:30 pm.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Brown does not have a report. She would like to make a recommendation that a "no right turn" sign be put on the stop sign pole that exists when exiting the parking lot on to 6th Street. She also asked that the sign displaying "head in parking only" be lowered for better visibility and the trees trimmed back. Manager Wheeler will have this taken care of.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Chairperson Isenberg reported that Supt. Yarnell will be going to look at this site before he starts his painting schedule. Councilperson Gradwell stated that he has since spoke with Supt. Yarnell and he told him that it will be done on Tuesday.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT PERIMETER SECURITY:

Chairperson Isenberg reported that the fence is up, but there is some trouble with the gates. Tyler will look at it tomorrow.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT PERIMETER SECURITY: Manager Wheeler stated that Tyler is coming to the plant in the morning and will look at the situation there.

MAINTENANCE YARD: Manager Wheeler stated that if it would be alright with Council the employees could use the Manuel gate to get in. Manager Wheeler does not want to put clickers in employees' personal vehicles. Council agreed. Manager Wheeler will have this taken care of.

OFFICE OF AGING, 10TH STREET-HANDICAPPED PARKING (one hour only): Chairperson Isenberg asked if Tom put the sticker on the sign yet. Manager stated that he did not know.

12TH & WARM SPRINGS AVENUE-DOUBLE LINE: Manager Wheeler will get price from Heaton's 1st thing next week.

GROVE'S VARIETY STORE-REQUEST FOR 30 MINUTE PARKING

METERS: Manager Wheeler will send a letter to the Owner of Groves' Variety Store, stating Council's decision not to reduce the meters from 2 hours to 30 minutes.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK LIGHTS-4th and PENN STREETS, 8TH AND

PENN STREETS: Chairperson Isenberg stated that Supt. Yarnell was going to get in touch with Telpower. Manager Wheeler does not know if he did or not.

NEW BUSINESS:

TRASH HAULER'S MEETING: Chairperson Isenberg stated that in the future the Public Safety Chair will schedule all meetings with Haulers. This is not the responsibility of the Code Enforcement Officer. She questioned a revision to the ordinance from requiring 30 gallon trash containers to no larger than 96 gallons trash containers. This would be a change to the ordinance.

ORLADY WALL REPAIRS-MEETING TO BE SCHEDULED: Chairperson Isenberg reported that the meeting was held with all interested parties included. Kenny Evans gave an estimate of \$12,500.00 for repairs to the first section of the wall. All property owners agreed to sign an easement, allowing the borough to work on the wall. The Committee discussed the option of Council borrowing the money from the Water and Sewer Authority to pay for the repairs to the Or Lady Wall.

OTHER ISSUES:

Chairperson Isenberg announced to the Committee that since the Committee meeting times have been changed, she will not be able to continue to chair the Public Safety Committee. Thursdays do no work for her. She feels President Quarry did not have the authority to make these changes. Councilperson Decker stated that he supports what Chairperson Isenberg stated. We voted at the beginning of the year on Committee meeting dates and times. This should remain. Councilperson Gradwell agreed meetings should go back. Councilperson Bair also stated he would rather they go back. President Quarry stated that this matter will be on the agenda for the Admin. Committee meeting.

Councilperson Gradwell stated that he spoke with Officer McBride regarding the problem with speeding past his property. Chief Brenneman stated that he spoke with the men and they will begin using the new ENRADD system.

Councilperson Decker stated that Council has spoken before about putting speed bumps in the areas where they have speeding problems. Mayor Brown stated that you would have to look into the legalities of the speed bumps. Councilperson Gradwell stated that the speed bumps cause issue with the plows. We will end up spending more money on repairing roads.

Councilperson Decker stated since there is a concern about the lights on the Smithfield Bridge, why don't we just take ownership and get the lights fixed. Manager Wheeler will have the contract ready for the Admin. Committee meeting.

Councilperson Decker stated that at the Moore Street turn from by 7th to 9th Street why can we move the line. Manager Wheeler stated that if that is the wish of Council he can make it happen.

Adjournment

BY: Melody Parsons
Assistant Borough Secretary

FINAL DRAFT