

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**AUGUST 9, 2016**  
**1:30 P.M.**

The following persons were present for the meeting: Chairperson Donna Isenberg, Committee member Jim Bair, Councilmember John Gradwell, President Dave Quarry, Code Enforcement Officer Scott Shaffer, Mayor DeeDee Brown, Maintenance Supt. Tom Yarnell, 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:** Dean Harris asked if you have to have a fence if you have an above ground pool. Manager Wheeler responded that the sides of the pool are considered the fence.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:** Code Enforcement Officer Shaffer asked if there were any questions on his monthly report.

Chairperson Isenberg asked when the property at 1419 Moore Street would be demolished. Code Enforcement Officer Shaffer stated that they plan to demolish it next week.

Code Enforcement Officer Shaffer reported that the property at 1601 Moore Street has been turned back over to the attorney. Attorney Ody stated that there is not any money to clean up the property. He will be filing an injunction for a quick sale.

Code Enforcement Officer Shaffer reported that he has received complaints about the amount of garbage at the property at 5<sup>th</sup> and Church Street. The garbage will be gone today.

Manager Wheeler wanted to make Council aware that he has received complaints about visibility at 14<sup>th</sup> and Moore Street. He and Code Enforcement Officer Shaffer went up and checked it along with several other intersections. They found that it isn't any different than many of the other intersections.

**CHIEF'S REPORT:** Mayor Brown asked if anyone had any questions on the Chief of Police report. There were not any questions. Mayor Brown noted that the Chief of Police has ordered new bike helmets for the Department for Bike Patrol.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Brown passed around to the Committee pictures of some areas in the Borough that she has received complaints about high weeds i.e. around fire hydrants, around trees that had been planted by the Borough, in the sidewalks, and in bump outs. She was asked who owns these areas and who is responsible.

Mayor Brown asked that when you are coming out of the parking lot on to 6<sup>th</sup> Street that a "No Right Turn" sign be installed. The Head in only parking sign has weeds growing around the sign and the sign is too high. Manager Wheelers responded that he will check on getting the weeds cut down and repositioning the sign for better visibility. Manager Wheeler stated these will be done by the end of the week.

Chairperson Isenberg stated that there is a "No Turn on Red" sign on 7<sup>th</sup> & Mifflin Streets. No one is paying any attention to it.

Mayor Brown reported that there are a couple of huge tree stumps at Weaver Park that are going to cause someone to get hurt. There are probably 30-40 kids playing there. The stumps should be removed.

Chairperson Isenberg asked Supt. Yarnell if the men have a grinder to remove the tree stumps. Tom said they do have one. The table grinder at the maintenance building is not being used and has been removed because of safety reasons. Supt. Yarnell will look into purchasing another one. They will use the one at the water plant for now.

Mayor Brown asked if the 1 hour sticker has been put on the no parking sign on 10<sup>th</sup> Street in front of the Office on Aging. Chairperson Isenberg asked if the handicapped sign across from Pub 303 isn't in use anymore by the person who had requested it then we should remove it. Supt. Yarnell will check on removal of the sign.

Mayor Brown reported that the Bike Rodeo was a big success. The Kiwanis gave away bike helmets and the Police dept. gave a bicycle safety class and also gave out bicycle license.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**WARM SPRINGS WALKWAY (SHADY AVE. TO PEACE CHAPEL RD.)-** Chairperson Isenberg reported this is completed.

**WATER TREATMENT PLANT PERIMETER SECURITY:**

Chairperson Isenberg reported this is completed with the exception of additional lighting.

**MAINTENANCE YARD:** Chairperson Isenberg reported this is completed.

**WASTE TREATMENT PLANT PERIMETER SECURITY:** Chairperson Isenberg stated that we are not moving the fence, but there will be a couple of areas that new locks will be purchased for gate openings.

**OFFICE OF AGING, 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET-HANDICAPPED PARKING (one hour only):** Chairperson Isenberg asked if Tom put the sticker on the sign yet. Supt. Yarnell stated that he will check.

**9<sup>th</sup> & MOORE STREET-DOUBLE LINE:** Chairperson Isenberg reported this is completed. She reported that cars are staying over.

**12<sup>TH</sup> & WARM SPRINGS AVENUE-DOUBLE LINE:** Chairperson Isenberg reported this is completed. She reported that cars are still not staying over.

**PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK LIGHTS-4<sup>th</sup> and PENN STREETS, 8<sup>TH</sup> AND PENN STREETS:** Chairperson Isenberg stated that we will hold off until Manager Wheeler can get in touch with Telpower. Manager Wheeler stated that he has checked all of them and they are working properly. He will also check with PennDot 1<sup>st</sup> before changing Penn Street.

**CHAPTER – 20 – SOLID WASTE, ORDINANCE 20-109, PREPARATION OF WASTE FOR HAULING-TRASH CONTAINERS SHALL NOT EXCEED 96 GALLONS IN SIZE:** Chairperson Isenberg stated this has been advertised and will be on the agenda for the August regular meeting.

**ORLADY WALL REPAIR-START DATE?:** Chairperson Isenberg stated that this was discussed in the Maintenance Committee meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**PORTABLE PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS SIGNS:** Chairperson Isenberg stated Councilmen Decker asked me to have this put on the agenda. There is nothing in writing stating where portable signs have to be. Chief Brenneman will speak with Jesse Leonard, Juniata College.

**WHITE INTERSECTION CROSSING LINES, 17<sup>TH</sup> & MOORE STREETS TO 19<sup>th</sup> & MOORE STREETS INTERSECTIONS DONE:** Chairperson Isenberg reported that this is completed.

**SCHOOL ZONE SIGNS HUNTINGDON HIGH SCHOOL/HUNTINGDON**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL:** Chairperson Isenberg reported that she spoke with Jim Hughes and he gave her some information on school zone signs. 1600 ft. is the furthest away the sign can be from the School Building. PennDot has to come in and do a traffic survey. If PennDot requirements are met the Borough would decide if they want signs to go up. Manager Wheeler suggested that an information sign be put up i.e. caution children playing or safety zone. Mayor Brown asked if we can put a 15 mph sign in that area. Manager Wheeler stated Council can change speed zone anytime. Chairperson Isenberg stated that she will speak with Solicitor Wilson regarding lowering the speed limit.

**OTHER ISSUES: Employee's Borough Safety Committee**

**Hard Hats:** Manager Wheeler reported Supt. Yarnell has ordered hard hats.

**Safety Glasses-Prescription:** Manager Wheeler reported that he spoke with Cliff Beaver and he is going to check into the options that may be on our existing vision plan. Chairperson Isenberg stated that if Council decides to provide prescription safety glasses, we need to establish a policy that they are not for personal use.

**Trench Box:** Chairperson Isenberg stated that it was reported that they need a new trench box. Supt. Yarnell reported that he is looking at purchasing a new 10ft. box at a cost of \$5,450.00.

Councilperson Gradwell stated his concerned about the faded fog lines on Cold Springs Road and Warm Springs Avenue.

Councilperson Gradwell asked if a temporary ADA space could be put on 6<sup>th</sup> Street until there is a permanent space in the parking lot. Manager Wheeler stated that it has to be approved by Council.

Solicitor Wilson arrived at 2:36 pm.

Solicitor Wilson stated that a space in a parking lot does not have to be approved by Council. Chairperson Isenberg stated but to remove one off of the Streets it does have to be approved. Supt. Yarnell stated he will take care of it.

Councilperson Bair stated that the SCBA bottles are out of hydrostatic.

Gary Cramer stated that when his daughter lived at 700 Warm Springs Avenue the curb was painted yellow and she was not allowed to park there. She had to park on 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Someone is parked there now all the time. It is a yellow curb but it is busted up. Manager Wheeler asked Supt. Yarnell to look to see if we have paint to paint the curb yellow.

Kenneth Aldrich, 400 4<sup>th</sup> Street, asked that in the future if you have a project that the road in front of someone's home has to be closed that you inform the people that live there. Chairperson Isenberg stated that we were just reviewing that procedure. They will be adding that step to the procedure.

Adjournment

FINAL DRAFT

BY: Melody Parsons  
Assistant Borough Secretary