

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

JUNE 22, 2018

3:00 PM

The following persons were present for the meeting: Chairperson Jim Bair, Committee members Bob Jackson and Dave Quarry, Council Members John Hyde (4:40PM), Terry Green (3:20 PM), Sean Steeg (4:59 PM), Mayor David Wessels, Borough Manager Daniel Varner, Code Enforcement Officer Jim Morris, Chief Jeff Buckley, 911 Director Chris Stevens (3:50PM) and Solicitor Rich Wilson (4:20PM).

Richard King was present to take the minutes.

Visitors: Gary Cramer, Gayleene Harkleroad, Mike Simone

Chairperson Jim Bair called the meeting to order.

Jim Bair asked the visitors for their comments at this time.

Mike Simone spoke on a Car Cruise Downtown. They will meet at the Juniata College Parking lot on 19th & Moore Street at 5:00 PM. This will then start at 6:00 PM, going from Parking lot to 18th Street, proceed to Washington Street where they will come down to William Smith Street, make a right to Penn Street and go to 8th Street and make a right to Washington Street. They will park on Washington Street from 8th Street down to 4th Street. They will need the Parking meters bagged, proof of insurance from our insurance company and to have a police escort at 6:00 PM.

He said that we will have barricades put up during the event, have 3 blocks closed off and once they are parked there will be no driving down Washington Street, just the side streets.

Gayleene Harkleroad spoke about her parents that are living on Warm Springs Avenue and there being the blind turn there that is dangerous. She said about the speeders. She said that she would like to request to the Committee that a Caution Pedestrian sign be place there.

Chief Buckley stated that the police are doing their job and that they have issued 60 Traffic Violations and 35 Verbal Warnings. He also mentioned that we can move the Speed sign back out there and place it on the other side where you come in from Cold Springs Road.

Code Enforcement Officer Report by: CEO Morris reviewed his report with the Committee. He stated that there were 319 incidents during the month of May and 162 are still pending and being monitored. He stated this pertains to High Grass, Signs, Electronic Collections flyers, Trash Violation, Brush and Weed issues, animal control issues, sidewalks, building structures and house porches. The mayor had questions on

signs and the ordinance. He stated about the First Amendment Rights and Freedom of Speech. Solicitor Wilson is to check on the sign ordinance.

Melody Mason, Huntingdon County Planning Department came in to speak on the CDBG and DCED. She had handed out reports for 2015, 2016 and 2017. She stated that DCED is cutting down on giving extensions. She handed out 2016, 2017 Activity Descriptions. She mentioned about identifying properties in 2017 and have received applications but nothing had been done. The 2015 Grant, you have until August 2018 to spend. The 2014 Grant we had lost. **She stated that 1st we must have a CDBG Public Hearing.** You must announce it, tell what it is about and have a meeting between now and next Tuesday. She told Dan Varner that if he needs any help to let her know. She then left the meeting.

Chief's Report:

- Chief Buckley stated that he found a parking ticket solution that he is satisfied with. He said this is a 3 year contract for \$10,000.00 and can make it over 4 payments. He said it automates, can send late notices and populate citations.
- He mentioned that at the Portstown Park, when the Farmers Market is there, that there is a safety issue. He said that people come out of there and make a left which is illegal. He said there needs to be paving marking put in place for going in and coming out where you must turn right.
- He mentioned that he has a Criminal Justice intern working this summer so you might see a stranger in a vehicle.
- He mentioned that McClure Company will be in to set up a crane at the 200 block of 5th Street to set a heating/cooling unit on the bank. He will need the road closed for about 4 hours.
- He mentioned that the K9 club collection is around \$12,000.00.
- He mentioned that the Police Department will be hosting a golf tournament July 28 at the Huntingdon Country Club in conjunction with the Fire Department. Funds are used from this to support scholarships and outreach projects.
- The M. H. DeForrest Award this year was presented to Megan Shetrom, who was a Huntingdon Senior and plans to attend Penn Highlands in Criminal Justice.
- He stated that the 4th Street bridge will be closed starting July 3rd and will be closed for about a month. He said there will be a shuttle bus that runs from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

Mayor's Report:

- The mayor mentioned that Healthy Harvest Fest will be Saturday, October 13, 2018. This will be the same as May Fest on the street closing. He said we will need to have barricades at this.
- He has received a notification that at 6th and Mifflin, the yellow needs painted. They state that a vehicle is parked there and people cannot see.
- He said that he will get an update from HCBI on the grant for the lighting.

Open Issues

- The Committee recommends that we get a hold of Heaton's to repaint the Center lines on Mifflin Street and Moore Street.
- Jim Bair and Chief Buckley mentioned about the Standing Stone Marathon and last year they didn't have enough help to cover the streets and corners. The Committee recommends that the Chief should approve or not approve the event and route. He will need a list of people helping and if not conducted safely then NO. A deadline needs to be given and a meeting set up with the volunteers. If not enough help then try Abate to see if they can spare some people.
- The wall at Stone Creek on Blair Park side was asked about and who is responsible. Steve Heine name was mentioned and Terry Green mentioned the Kenny Evans was to fix this.
- Chris Stevens mention about the radios in the cars and portables, and should be in about a week and a half or shortly thereafter. We should be receiving \$4,000.00 and then \$6,000.00. Should be live by the end of August.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.