

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2018

The Public Safety Committee Meeting was called to order by Chairman James Bair at 3:05 PM.

Committee members present were Councilman David Quarry and Councilman Robert Jackson.

The following members were present, Councilman Terry Green, Borough Manager Daniel Varner, Chief of Police Jeff Buckley, Code Enforcement Officer James Morris, and Borough Secretary Richard King.

Guest present were Gary Cramer and Jesse Leonard.

Chairman James Bair asked Gary Cramer for any comments. Gary had no comments. Jesse Leonard had no comments.

Code Enforcement Officer James Morris gave highlights of his report. Jim stated that he did audits on 2016 for building permits, has new zoning ordinance updated, there are 6 homes that are vacant and falling apart that we need to look at. Jim mentioned that he would like to use 2016 CDBG funds for sidewalks and curbs instead of 2013-2014 CDBG Funds. Jim said there is a meeting this Thursday at 11:00 AM.

Dan Varner spoke on the Trash Haulers about being out there during the school season and backing up traffic. He mentioned that we should allow them to start early but don't use their compactors while sitting there or banging dumpsters. He said they could run their compactors while moving.

Chief Buckley spoke on his report.

He said he participated in a Table Top Drill at Westminster Woods on a simulation of a large scale weather emergency.

He stated he is continuing to work with Michael Thompson on the Standing Stone Half Marathon. There was a discussion on this about proper staffing, length and distance and liability. Chairman Robert Jackson said that he should do this as a fundraiser and could get help from organizations. Chairman James Bair mentioned that we could give them cones and barricades to help.

He is continuing the process of rewriting and updating Huntingdon Police Department Policies.

The Police Department have completed the annual required firearms certification.

He is currently working with United Public Safety to implement the new parking solutions.

He is allowing the officer to grow well-groomed beards as a fundraiser for Humane Society in October and November.

Old Business

There was nothing to report under old business.

Mayor's Report (Was not present at this time)

Unfinished Business

There was a discussion on the parking meters and payment. It was mentioned about calling United Public Safety and testing a Kios.

Chris Stevens arrived at 3:45 PM

It was mentioned that we need to find out what our goal is. It was mentioned about the meters would have to be numbered with the street and have odd numbers on one side and even numbers on the other side.

Mayor David Wessels arrived at 3:45

Mayor David Wessels said that the numbers were done and the color was yellow and size was 1 ¾ height. It was recommend that the Maintenance Department place these on the meters.

Chief Buckley said that it will take about 3 to 4 weeks to get the equipment and then they will come in and train.

Dan Varner said that the holiday season is coming upon us and wondered about the free parking. Councilman Terry Green said that we need to let the people know.

The Public Safety Committee recommends that free parking be granted from Thanksgiving till Christmas.

Mayor David Wessels mentioned that there was 2 businesses that wanted Parking Meters put in and no action was taken.

New Business

There was nothing to report under New Business.

Meeting adjourned at 3:57 PM

Minutes submitted by:

Richard S. King
Huntingdon Borough Secretary