

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

March 14, 2017

2:00 P.M.

The following persons were present for the meeting: Chairperson Donna Isenberg, Committee member Jim Bair, President David Quarry, Code Enforcement Officer Scott Shaffer, Chief Jeffrey Buckley, Mayor DeeDee Brown, and Borough Manager William W. Wheeler.

Visitors: There were not any visitors.

Chairperson Isenberg called the meeting to order.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT: There were not any guests requesting to speak.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: Code Enforcement Officer Shaffer asked if there were any questions on his report. He reviewed his report with the committee. Mr. Shaffer reported that he included some before and after pictures of 1614 Moore Street with his report. He had a hearing with the owner in January. She was told that she needed to clean up her yard. She has cleaned it up.

Mr. Shaffer is researching to find out who the owner is at 912 Washington Street.

Chairperson Isenberg would like to schedule a meeting to review the Code Enforcement Ticketing Ordinance for Monday, March 27, 2017, at 1:00 pm.

Chairperson Isenberg stated that Mr. Shaffer requested at last month's meeting permission to attend the certified building officials training. This should be placed on the agenda for the Administrative Committee.

Chairperson Isenberg asked Mr. Shaffer about 407 Moore Street. Mr. Shaffer responded that she was going to convey the property to the borough for a dollar. The property owner stated that she misunderstood the process of conveyance of the property for a dollar. Her understanding was that the Borough would sell the property give her the money and they she would sell the property for \$1.00. Judge Wilt gave us 2 weeks to resolve it. The property owner asked that the property taxes be eliminated. The Committee decided not give her leniency on the property taxes.

Chairperson Isenberg reported that Mr. Shaffer prepared a sidewalk letter and would like permission to send it out to the property owners whose sidewalks do not meet code. This will be put on hold until we have Solicitor Wilson reviews it.

Councilperson Bair asked Mr. Shaffer for an update on the property on Washington Street. Mr. Shaffer reported that the owner is filing for bankruptcy.

Mayor Brown reported that she received another complaint on the Kemp property regarding the trees in the back yard. Mr. Shaffer stated that he cannot tell someone to cut a tree that is hanging over a house. Mr. Shaffer stated that it is a civil matter between the neighbors.

Councilperson Bair asked for an update on 1514 Moore Street. Mr. Shaffer reported that there is a hearing scheduled for April 17th.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Buckley reviewed his report with the Committee. Chief Brenneman retired as of February 28th. Corp. Streightiff is going to be attending the first one of our Community Outreaches at the Standing Stone Coffee Shop “coffee with a cop” from 5:00 pm-7:00 pm on April 6th.

Chairperson Isenberg asked if we are getting a lot of car break in's? Chief Buckley responded that they have not had an absorbent amount.

MAYOR'S REPORT: There will not be a snow emergency called.

OLD BUSINESS:

CARS TURNING INTO PARKING LOT OFF 8TH STREET, CONCERN FOR CUSTOMER CROSSING LOT INTO 8TH STREET CORNER DELI & GRILL SPEED BUMP TO BE INSTALLED. Manager Wheeler reported that we are going to have to wait until spring

HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES (VAN ACCESSIBLE): 1 OFF 8TH STREET ENTRANCE AND 1 AT 7TH STREET ENTRANCE. Manager Wheeler reported that we are going to have to wait until spring

9TH & MOORE STREET, Curve Sign, Additional Research needed. NEW

BUSINESS: Manager Wheeler stated that the Committee needs to determine what kind of signs they want. Manager Wheeler will send out the information on signs from PennDOT.

PORTABLE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING SIGNS MANAGEMENT-CHIEF

BUCKLEY: Chairperson Isenberg asked Chief Buckley if he needed any more information on the portable pedestrian crossing signs. Chief Buckley asked if PennDOT has information on this. He stated that it is very simple. Chairperson Isenberg as if he can get the information together then we can do it as a resolution. With as resolution we can change it at any time. Chief Buckley will get the information to Manager Wheeler.

POLICE OFFICERS & 911 DISPATCHERS ‘DEPARTMENTAL’

COMMENDATION DURING CRITICAL INCIDENT:

Manager Wheeler responded that he has not had time to get this completed. Mayor Brown will do the commendations for the police officers. The 911 Director will do the commendations for the dispatchers.

14TH STREET SHEETZ-GAS-SIGN-OBSTRUCTING SITE DISTANCE-

ANDREW PARK:

Chairperson Isenberg stated that a gentleman by the name of Andrew Park reached out to her. She stated that she had a number of concerns come to her after Sheetz put the gas sign up. She asked Mr. Shaffer to check it out. The sign follows the zoning regulations of the borough. Manager Wheeler went to the site in his small car and Mr. Shaffer’s truck and if you stop where you are supposed to and look to the right you really can’t see. If you read the law and stop and then slowing move forward and look to the right and left this sign isn’t any different then Erie Insurance’s sign. It is not the only sign that looks like this in town. Chairperson Isenberg stated that this is an issue and there is going to be an accident. We need to find a way to address it. Mayor Brown stated that Mr. Park also called her. The 14th Street sign was done according to borough ordinances. If they are done by ordinance there is nothing that can be done. Manager Wheeler stated that he recommends that we make Moore Street in front of Sheetz “no parking” it will increase visibility. Manager Wheeler will have curb painted yellow in spring.

RECYCLING CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES NOT WEARING SAFETY

VESTS:

Manager Wheeler reported that Brad has made it mandatory for his employees to wear safety vests.

Chairperson Isenberg reported that the men asked if Council would buy them the yak traxers for on their boots. She feels if there are some things that they want then it is their responsibility to buy. Councilperson Bair and President Quarry agreed.

OTHER ISSUES:

BOROUGH STRATEGIC PLAN: GOAL #2, IMPROVE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, ESPECIALLY FOR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES.:

Chairperson Isenberg explained that we are going to take a big piece of paper with the goal written across the top. We will take smaller pieces of paper and put the steps to reach the goal on them.

Manager Wheeler stated that he was at a pre-construction meeting at Juniata College with PennDOT. Manager Wheeler distributed an overall display of what they are doing. The project is going to start on June 5th.

ADJOURNMENT:

FINAL DRAFT

BY: Melody Parsons
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