

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**FEBRUARY 13, 2018**  
**3:00 P.M.**

The following persons were present for the meeting: Chairperson Jim Bair, Committee members Dave Quarry and Robert Jackson; Councilmembers Terry Green and Sean Steeg; Jim Morris, Code Enforcement officer; Chief Jeffrey Buckley, Mayor David Wessels, Borough Manager William W. Wheeler, and Borough Secretary Melody J. Parsons.

Visitors: Caleb Parnell, Jesse Leonard, Savannah Parson, Gary Cramer, Travis Sather, and Jennifer Clark

Chairperson Bair called the meeting to order.

**RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT:** Gary Cramer reported the street lights are not working at Washington Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

He reported that when it snowed heavily the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Street parking lots were a mess. The islands were not shoveled. He asked why Borough does not shovel their sidewalks.

Jennifer Clark stated what kind of message is the borough sending out.

CEO, Jim Morris reported that he sent out 41 letters this time for snow removal.

Jesse Leonard was present from Juniata College to ask for an update regarding the lighting at 17<sup>th</sup> Street down to the Jcel Property at 419 14<sup>th</sup> Street and then on Moore Street to Washington Street on 18<sup>th</sup> Street. Savannah Parson a student attend Juniata College was present to express why she feels it is important to have the upgrade done. She stated that the sidewalks are bad in this area. It would be easy for someone to fall. She impressed the lack of lighting increases the chances of being assaulted. She said that Huntingdon is the Students home for 4 years. They vote for 4 years. She stated that on a good night the moon is out and there isn't a light issue. Jesse asked Manager Wheeler the status of obtaining a lighting engineer study. Manager Wheeler is working on getting Penelec in to do the study.

Caleb Parnell was present to give an update on the cycling event. He asked if they could have sponsors put up tents in closed side streets. Caleb will send a link to

Manager Wheeler to have the event put on the Borough's website and Facebook page. Caleb will contact Manager Wheeler for roadblock supplies.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:** CEO Morris reviewed his report with the Committee. He asked if there were any questions. CEO Morris stated there were 89 reportable incidents with 81 being resolved. Chairperson Bair and CEO Morris to check 16<sup>th</sup> Street for cats. CEO Morris reported that he is working with Chief Buckley regarding abandoned vehicles. Mayor Wessels asked CEO Morris to check the garbage at 915 Moore Street. Chairperson Bair asked if we started using the new citations yet. CEO Morris stated they have not. They are struggling with the sighting of part of the ordinance dealing with yard sales.

**CHIEF'S REPORT:** Chief Buckley asked if there were any questions on his report. He reviewed his report with the Committee. He summarized various highlights with the Committee. Chief Buckley reported that the Moose asked for a wish list. They gave \$3,600.00 for 12 active shooter vests. Chief Buckley reported that they are exploring the option of a K9 dog. This would be a huge asset for the County.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Wessels reported that he is working with Chief Buckley to place the old prescription drop off box at the Weis Store.

He reported that Adam Pfingstl asked for one parking spot thru the week to be bagged for pride.

Mayor Wessels reported that the dept. will begin implementing the numbering meter system. They will be putting stickers on the meter posts.

Mayor Wessels asked what the solution is for the stop light leaving Huntingdon. Councilperson Green responded that it is PennDots. Manager Wheeler stated to start by contacting Mike Peachey. Mayor Wessels will report back to the Committee.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**INTERSECTION WARM SPRING ROAD & ONEIDA STREET:** Manager Wheeler will check on this to see if it has been done.

**ORDINANCE FOR WILLOW ALLEY CLEARANCE UP (ORDINANCE 934):** Manager Wheeler reported signs have been put up. The barricade needs to be built.

**9<sup>th</sup> & MOORE ST. CROSSWALK ISSUES BUS DROP OFF POINTS. BILL TO TALK TO DEB LOWE FROM SCHOOL DISTRICT:** Manager Wheeler reported that when he spoke with the school district they said that it was entirely the borough's problem. Mayor Wessels stated that he read the Ordinance and the School District should be working with Public Safety regarding signage.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**9<sup>th</sup> and MOORE STREET-2 CURVE SIGNS AND 2 CAUTION ROAD CURVE AHEAD SIGNS-PURCHASE SIGNS FOR INTERSECTION:**

Manager Wheeler reported this has been completed.

**SIDEWALK ORDINANCE TO REVIEW AND UPDATE:** There was not an update.

**STREET LIGHTING---JUNIATA COLLEGE-VARIOUS LOCATIONS:**

Manager Wheeler stated that he is still waiting for the study to come back. Councilperson Green stated that if you put too much light up there then the residents are going to complain.

**J.C. COLLEGE U.S.A. CYCLING RACE, APRIL 7<sup>th</sup> Caleb Parnell:** This has been discussed.

**STREET LIGHTING ISSUES THROUGHOUT TOWN-UPDATE ON GETTING THEM FIXED:** This has been discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Code Enforcement Officer Morris asked the Committee whose responsibility it is to clear the snow on the sidewalk at the alleys where they intersect with the street. He also asked who was responsible for the bridge at the Muddy Run. Councilperson Green responded that the Borough always took care of that. Manager Wheeler will check into this.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

BY: Melody Parsons  
Borough Secretary