

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MARCH 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, Johnathan Hyde, and Sean Steeg; Jim Morris, Code Enforcement officer; Chief Jeffrey Buckley, 911 Director Chris Stevens, Borough Manager William W. Wheeler, and Borough Secretary Melody J. Parsons.

Visitors: Caleb Parnell, Jesse Leonard, Jim Cassatt, Jim Grace, Gary Cramer, Dean Harris, and Jennifer Clark

Chairperson Bair called the meeting to order.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENT: Jim Cassatt asked what is going on with the sinkhole at Crawford Apts. Why don't we contact them? Chairperson Bair responded that Manager Wheeler spoke with the Housing Authority. Manager Wheeler responded that it is entirely the Borough's problem. Manager Wheeler stated that he is renting a commercial fence for safety in the area.

Caleb Parnell was present to give an update on the cycling event. He reported that everything is in place.

Jesse Leonard was present to get an update on the lighting request from Juniata College. Manager Wheeler stated that he has met with both Companies and is waiting for them to get information back to him.

Gary Cramer asked if the fire tax will be used in McConnellstown. Jim Grace responded they have their own fire tax. There isn't a problem keeping money in Huntingdon Borough. Mr. Cramer asked if the fire co. is purchasing a new ladder truck. He also asked if the money will be in a separate account. Mr. Grace responded that is the plan.

Councilperson Bair asked Mr. Grace to respond regarding the kitchen fire on 1300 block of Washington Street. He stated that they had just left another fire. He was following 2 school buses on his way back to the station.

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 121 reportable incidents with 107 being resolved. Councilperson Green stated to CEO Morris that he is doing a good job.

Chairperson Bair stated that is has taken so many years to get the issue taken care of at the Western Auto.

Chairperson Bair asked CEO Morris to check on the dumpster at the Randolph property.

CEO Morris reported that Habitat for Humanity is interested in the property at 912 Washington Street.

CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Buckley asked if there were any questions on his report. He reviewed his report with the Committee.

Parking Management Systems-can come in and do a demonstration. Councilperson Bair stated that is great.

Coffee with the Cops went well this month.

CPR Training is completed.

He is meeting with Landmarks as a potential for funds for a K9 and Unit.

Chris Stevens reported that everything looks good with the 911 Center. He is getting dispatcher interviews set up today.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Wessels was not present.

OLD BUSINESS:

INTERSECTION WARM SPRING ROAD & ONEIDA STREET: Manager Wheeler reported this will be scheduled as weather permit.

9th & MOORE ST. CROSSWALK ISSUES BUS DROP OFF POINTS. BILL TO TALK TO DEB LOWE FROM SCHOOL DISTRICT: Manager Wheeler reported the Mayor is going to speak with Deb Lowe.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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.

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

STREET LIGHTING ISSUES THROUGHOUT TOWN-UPDATE ON GETTING THEM FIXED: They have been reported.

ALLEY'S FOR BETTER PUSH BACK OF SNOW FOR SAFETY OF CITIZENS: Manager Wheeler will have this taken care of.

NEW BUSINESS:

CEO Morris will meet with the Community Center about their parking lot issues.

ADJOURNMENT:

BY: Melody Parsons
Borough Secretary