

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 10, 2018
3:00 PM

Councilman Jim Bair called the Public Safety Meeting to order at 3:08pm.

Roll call was taken and the following members were present: Vice President Sean Steeg, Councilman James Bair, Councilman Johnathan Hyde, Councilman Dave Quarry, Mayor David Wessels, and Borough Manager Dan Varner.

Kylie Morningstar took minutes of the meeting.

Visitors present: Gary Cramer, Jennifer Clark, Dean Harris, Jesse Leonard, Joe Saxfield, Abbe Hamilton, Abbey Roberts, Vince Greenland and Code Enforcement Officer, Jim Morris.

Councilman Johnathan Hyde asked Jesse Leonard if he had any comments.

- Jesse Leonard stated that Juniata College would like to add a handicap spot on Moore St. in front of Founders Hall or closer to 18th St. He would like council to consider a motion to move forward with this.
- Jesse Leonard would also expressed that the hatching at 19th & Moore St. need to be matched for visibility.

Open Issues

- Gary Cramer left the meeting at 3:22pm
- Vince Greenland from PennDot showed a presentation on a bicycle lane study done on Mifflin St. The study was already presented to the Active Transportation Committee. The study revealed that the bike lane would result in losing an entire side of parking along Mifflin St.
- Borough Manager Dan Varner noted there was discussion on using the alleyways as the bicycle route, but there was some concern due to the stop signs at every cross street. Vice President Sean Steeg suggested they look into the possibility of Susquehanna Ave., to Penn St. to 17th St. as the bicycle route. That this would be most feasible way without losing parking and having stop signs at every block. Signage could be changed to Shared and No Thru Traffic to only local traffic. It would also be One Way.
- Abbe Hamilton was going to check to see if there was any street scape funding available.
- Jesse Leonard, Joe Saxfield, Abbe Hamilton, Abbey Roberts, Jennifer Clark and Vince Greenland left the meeting at 3:40pm
- Code Enforcement Officer Jim Morris gave his report he had 128 Investigations for the month of June. 24 of them are still pending and 15 of them were issues

from the previous month mostly dealing with structural and spouting issues. Several citations have been issued to 401 4th St., 1514 Moore St and 602 Moore St. for ongoing issues. He has also been working with Bob Beck, County Dog Enforcement Officer regarding complaints on animals being tied out for more than 30 minutes (new law passed).

- Code Enforcement Officer Jim Morris would like there to be some clarification sidewalk permits, installation and drain specs. Jim was unclear who is to follow up and inspect the sidewalks after completion. Borough Manager Dan Varner would like that Code Enforcement Officer Jim Morris receives a copy of every sidewalk permit issued.
- Borough Manager Dan Varner said there has been some complaints of Robbie Swan using 5th Ave – which is a paper street. Manager Varner believes that if the paper street was used and open at one time they have the right to use. Manger Varner was going to clarify this with Solicitor Rich Wilson.
- It was noted that Robbie Swan wanted to put down a milling surface on the alley. Manager Dan Varner along with council said he was not allowed to put down any type of surface.
- Code Enforcement Officer Jim Morris reported on zoning. One Zoning hearing at 1308 Moore St. is being considered for a variance for a convenience store / massage therapy place. 1610 Moore St. is in the process of setting up a Zoning Hearing for Counseling Services for Juniata College.
- Code Enforcement Officer Jim Morris said the property at 1318 Washington St., is set for Sheriff Sale on July 26, 2018.
- Councilman Jim Bair reported that Chief Jeff Buckley was unable to attend and will provide him with a report by July 12, 2018.
- Mayor David Wessels asked that if anyone has any suggestions for the “Did you know” videos, to please place in his mailbox.
- Councilman Terry Green arrived at 4:05pm
- Councilman Jim Bair reported that 14th & Warm Springs needs curbing to prevent runoff from the hospital.
- Mayor David Wessels reported some safety concerns about the bus stop at 9th & Moore St. He spoke to Deb Clark from Huntingdon Area School District regarding it. Mayor Wessels will follow up with Deb.
- Councilman Jim Bair reported that Chief Jeff Buckley set the stipulation for the marathon to make sure they have enough volunteers. Manager Varner and Travis Gutshall checked the trails within the last week and they been cleared/mowed. They will be checked again prior to the marathon. Councilman Jim Bair noted that 30 days prior to the marathon date, all the volunteers will be meeting with Chief Buckley to go over the plans.
- Mayor Dave Wessels stated there is a lighting study in the works and Bob Reitman of HCBI is looking into grants to cover LED lighting. They would like to increase lighting in areas needed. There was discussion about increasing in the areas of Juniata College at the half blocks.

- Councilman Jim Bair said the street sign is missing and needs replaced at the intersection at Cold Springs Rd. & Moore St. at 19th St. Manager Varner also said the S. 4th St. sign needs replaced.
- Mayor David Wessels reported the stop sign at 13th & Washington St. was back up.
- Mayor Wessels stated he would like to have access to the website and Facebook pages.
- President Nicole Houck arrived at 4:28pm
- Councilman Jim Bair would like to get the information on the website for code forms.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.