

Huntingdon Borough Public Safety Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 8, 2019 – 3:00 PM

Meeting of the Public Safety Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman James Bair Jr.

Committee members present were Robert Jackson Jr.

Other members present were Vice-President Sean Steeg, Councilman Terry Green, Councilman Johnathan Hyde, 911 Director Chris Stevens, Code Enforcement Officer James Morris, Chief of Police Jeffrey Buckley, Mayor David Wessels, Borough Manager Daniel Varner and Borough Secretary Richard King.

Guest present were Jennifer Clark, Gary Cramer, Dean Harris, Mike Smith and Tom Bilich.

Chairman James Bair Jr., recognized the guest present and asked for their comments at this time.

- There were no comments made at this time.

Chairman James Bair Jr., then proceeded to the Code Enforcements report.

- James Morris proceeded to highlight his report.
- James Morris reported that he had 1,399 incidents investigated in 2018.
- James Morris reported that he has 72 incidents where 6 incidents are pending and will be monitored.
- James Morris reported there were 18 trash violations.
- James Morris reported there were 7 building, sidewalk, dumpster or street cuts that were started without proper permits.
- James Morris reported there was 1 welfare check.
- James Morris reported that he has approved 8 zoning applications.
- James Morris reported that he has sent 9 letters out.
- James Morris reported on the citations that were issued and presented a handout of these.
- James Morris reported on addresses that were being monitored for violations of the Uniform Construction Code.
- James Morris reported that he has met with David Oldham and G & R Excavating pertaining to the demolition of the house located at 228-230 Mifflin Street. He said that this property was in the process of being sold and will be made into a parking lot.
- There was a discussion on going to the main and cap the water line. Dean Harris said that he didn't like going to the main due to digging up the road. Terry Green agreed with Dean on this. James Morris said that if this is copper then it should be capped at the curb box and if not copper then too the main.
- There was a discussion on the sewer line and it will be capped in the basement before being backfilled.
- James Morris reported that the property at 1318 Washington Street has been sold and he does not know if he is going to rebuild or make into a parking lot. Terry Green said that if he is going to rebuild then cap at the Curb box and if not going to rebuild then cap at the Main.
- It was mentioned that if they are going to make these parking lots that they should be made to make them presentable.
- James Morris discussed the Rental Property Registration Form and mentioned about how much money it cost to mail these out. He said that he would like to get the Water & Sewer program downstairs so he can work on a data base. He said that he would like to delay sending out the registration forms until after the

Rental Ordinance has been approved. Dan will check on the Water & Sewer program to see if it would work for this application.

- James Morris reported that we need to do something with 513 16<sup>th</sup> Street.
- There was a discussion on 602 Warm Springs Avenue and we need to get the garage tore down.
- Mike Smith asked about the house on 1022 Washington Street and said that when he gets a fine he contacts his attorney and he get off of paying. Dan Varner said that this is wild grass and Perry Weeds. It was mentioned that the guy is working on the roof and the side porch needs work done.

Chairman James Bair Jr., then proceeded to the Chief of Police report.

- Chief Buckley went over the highlights of his report.
- Chief Buckley reported that the training on the new Parking Ticket handheld will be January 22, 2018.
- Chief Buckley spoke on the Speed signs that Tyrone Borough has. He said they have one that is solar and one is mounted and hardwired. He said this cost approximately \$2,800.00. Dan Varner said that he will have George Drobnock look for some grants for these signs.
- Chief Buckley said that they will be moving theirs out to Standing Stone.
- Chief Buckley said that the Maintenance Department has taken down the flag at Flag Pole and put up another one. He said the one they took down might not be repairable. They will take this down to Atherton Flag to see if repairable. It was mentioned that the Elks usually takes care of this.
- Mayor David Wessels said that he has received 3 request for the portable street sign to be placed on Warm Springs from the other side of Lions Back to 30<sup>th</sup> Street. It was mentioned that maybe the Insurance Companies will help in purchasing another one.
- Mayor David Wessels reported that he received a call about a street light if it is out or is this one not there between 12<sup>th</sup> Street and 13<sup>th</sup> Street between Mifflin Street and Moore Street in the alley. Chris Stevens said that the street lights are only on the intersections of the Main Streets and not in the alley's. Dan Varner said that the power for the street lights runs on the cross streets.
- Mayor David Wessels said that we will be having the training on the handheld and we need to revisit the parking meters. He said we need to get on the company's for free trial periods and put on different sections of the borough.
- There was a discussion on the small towers and Dan Varner asked if we would need an ordinance for the mini cell towers. It was mentioned that if we had these you could use your phone to pre-buy credits for the parking meter or feed the meter by phone. You would need to download the App.
- James Morris asked James Bair Jr., about the socks for the chemical spill at 4<sup>th</sup> and Moore Street.
- Robert Jackson Jr., asked about the train station parking lot and who owns this. Dan Varner said that the train station does. Robert Jackson said that there was no pass thru due to metal gates and wanted to know how the people would get to the train when the 4<sup>th</sup> Street project starts. Dan Varner said that there are issues there that need to be worked out.
- James Bair Jr., said that the Mayor is still working on the bus drop off point at 9<sup>th</sup> and Moore Street crosswalk.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 PM.

Minutes submitted by,

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