

Huntingdon Borough Public Safety Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

The Public Safety Committee meeting was called to order at 3:04 PM by Chairman James Bair.

Committee members present was Councilman Robert Jackson.

Members present were Councilman Terry Green, Mayor David Wessels, Code Enforcement James Morris, Chief of Police Jeffrey Buckley, Borough Manager Daniel Varner and Borough Secretary Richard King.

Guest present were Gary Cramer, Jennifer Clark, Dean Harris and Jesse Leonard from Juniata College.

Chairman James Bair recognized the guest present and asked for their comments.

- Jesse Leonard said that Juniata College is in favor of upgrading the lighting. Mayor David Wessels said that this was a dead end on the one grant. Jesse said that they could support a couple of lights to see how it goes.

Chairman James Bair then proceeded to the Code Enforcement Officer Report.

Code Enforcement Officer James Morris spoke on his report and gave the highlights.

- Investigated 206 incidents for the month of February 2019.
- Eleven (11) incidents from the previous month that have not be resolved.
- 149 snow and ice covered sidewalks incidents.
- 17 trash violations.
- 9 properties without proper permits
- 2 dog complaints
- Approved 4 Zoning applications
- List of addresses for letters sent for noncompliance issues.
- Zoning Hearing Board meeting postponed for 317 Penn Street.
- Final inspection was done on the 228-230 Mifflin Street demolition done by G & R Excavating.
- Received a complaint from a resident on Park's garbage running their compactor at 4:47 AM.
- The owners are working on the mold issue at 601 Washington Street.
- Joseph Stone is working on the process of obtaining permits for the demolition of his house.
- Jim spoke on the Tickets that he has given.

James Bair mentioned that they were working on the Border property (Barry's Service Center) on a Sunday and wanted to check and see if everything was up to par. Jim said yes.

Chairman James Bair then proceeded to the Chief of Police Report.

Chief Buckley asked if there were any questions on his report. There were none.

- Jeff Buckley said that the automatic ticket system and on line payments are doing fine.
- Jeff talked about the red box across the street and said this is fine for envelopes but people are just putting their money in and paperwork. He said that there should be envelopes there or should

we do away with it. The committee recommends to get rid of the red box. Jeff will get with Travis on removing this.

- Jeff would like to see us put envelopes in the lobby for them to put their parking ticket and money in the envelope to keep things straight.
- Jeff said that we need a sign in the front window to pay parking tickets, pay inside at the 911 window.
- Jeff mentioned that we have the numbers for the parking meters, but we need to wait until the weather breaks to put them on so they adhere to the post.

James Bair asked the Chief what the latest update is on the dog grant. Jeff said that he has not heard on the grant but as of right now we have donations amounting to around \$40,000. Dan asked about the cage. Jeff said that they are checking with their foundation to see if they can give it to us or not. Jeff said that Andy Young will be spending two (2) days next month where they will be getting the dog from. Jeff said that when we are ready for the dog, we have to call and then Andy Young will be with the dog for 6 weeks.

James Bair asked what the procedure is for parking in alleys. He said that you cannot get a fire truck or ambulance thru some alleys. Dan said that if they are blocking traffic then they can be cited.

Chairman James Bair then proceeded to the Mayor's report.

- Mayor David Wessels had a discussion with Jesse Leonard on the handheld parking ticket mechanism and asked Juniata College if they would like to partner with Huntingdon Borough so they can be unified and to have a data base that we both would have.
- Dan Varner asked Jesse to check his calendar to make sure there is nothing major going on at the college when the borough has their clean up days.

Chairman James Bair then proceeded to Old Business.

- James Bair spoke on the Safety Committee and the inspection that was done by Glatfelter Public Safety and their report.
- Robert Jackson spoke on the Chlorine Residual going from 0.02 mg/l to 0.20 mg/l that DEP is requiring the borough to do and spoke on the health issues this may cause. Dan Varner said that everyone is having the same issue.
- Dan Varner said that if the meeting with our State Senators ever materializes, we can asked about the justification for the changes to our allocation permit.

Chairman James Bair then proceeded to New Business.

- Dan Varner said that he and Charles Streightiff had gone to Gettysburg to see the swearing in of their new police chief, Robby Glenny, who is from Huntingdon Borough and a Juniata College graduate.

Meeting adjourned at 3:46 PM.

Minutes submitted by,

Richard S. King
Borough Secretary