

Huntingdon Borough Public Safety Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

The Public Safety Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman James Bair Jr at 3:00 PM.

Committee members present were Councilman Robert Jackson Jr.

Members present were Vice-President Sean Steeg (3:37 PM), Councilman Terry Green (3:20 PM), Councilman Johnathan Hyde, Mayor David Wessels, Borough Manager Daniel Varner, Chief of Police Jeffrey Buckley, Borough Secretary Richard King and Code Enforcement James Morris.

Guest present were Jennifer Clark and Gary Cramer.

Chairman James Bair Jr., asked the guest present if they had any comments. There were none.

Chairman James Bair Jr., then proceeded to the Code Enforcement Report.

James Morris asked if there were any questions on his report.

James Morris then proceeded to give the highlights of his report.

- James Morris spoke on properties that have been cited and action needs to be taken. Dan will speak to Solicitor Richard Wilson on this to see what we need to do.
- James Morris spoke on one property that he has put on hold since it went to the bank and then to some investors in New York.
- The committee mentioned that James Morris should write a letter to the property on 16th Street about securing their roof. James Morris said that he has talked to District Justice Rufus Brenneman on this to see if they can find out where they live.
- James Morris said that the property on Oneida Street is going up for Sheriff Sale.
- James Morris said that the property on Moore Street was abandoned and was not being maintained.
- Chairman James Bair Jr., asked if there any places that were going to fall over or fall in. James Morris stated there were none.
- Chairman James Bair Jr., asked about a garage that was put up without a final inspection.
- Councilman Johnathan Hyde said that on Church Street there was a place collecting stuff again.
- Chairman James Bair Jr., asked about the garbage haulers and if it was working. James Morris said that it was.

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

Chief of Police Jeffrey Buckley asked if there were any questions on his report.

Chief of Police Jeffrey Buckley then proceed to give the highlights of his report.

- Chief Buckley stated that the day started off busy with 32 arrest being made by the Drug Task Force.
- Chief Buckley spoke on the total overtime hours that his department has done for October 2018.
- Chief Buckley spoke on the ticket issues in fines and parking meter intake.
- Chief Buckley spoke on the departments activities on arrests and warnings.
- Chief Buckley said that he participated in the Emergency Drill at Westminster Woods on a simulation of a large scale weather emergency.
- Chief Buckley said the department worked the Standing Stone Marathon and it went smoothly at the intersections. He said that there was better covered this year. He said the course for the runners was poorly marked.
- Chief Buckley said that he is still working on the rewriting and updating HPD's policies.
- Chief Buckley said that he is currently working with United Public Safety to implement the new parking solution and that they should be ready to offer a day of training within 2 weeks.
- Chief Buckley said he assisted the EMA in teaching an Active Shooter Training.
- Chief Buckley said that we have turned in 157 pounds of medications to the RX take back.
- Jennifer Clark said that the sign, by new image gym, that gives the no parking times is covered by tree limbs and cannot be seen.
- Jennifer Clark said that the stop sign on Moore Street and Cold Springs road is obstructed badly and this could cause an accident.

Chairman James Bair Jr., then proceeded to the Mayors report.

- Mayor David Wessels stated that Dan Varner and he had met with the tree lighting committee and will be closing 2 blocks from 8th to 7th on Washington Street for the tree lighting. He said that we will be bagging the parking meters.
- Mayor David Wessels said that we need to review our parades and to do all of them the same. We need to get the vehicles off of the street. This did not happen for the Veterans Day Parade.

Chairman James Bair Jr., then proceeded to Old Business.

- Mayor David Wessels spoke on the crosswalks issues and School Bus drop off points. He said that this is not the School board biggest concern and he will try to change this after the school year.

Chairman James Bair Jr., then proceed to Unfinished Business.

- Chairman James Bair Jr., asked if anyone has found the 1st sidewalk ordinance of the year that he can match to the new one.
- Chairman James Bair Jr., said that there was no update on the Street Lighting.
- Chairman James Bair Jr., said that we will look at the parking meter station in early January 2019.

- Mayor David Wessels said that when new events develop, that he would like to make a Parade / Event form that can be filled out for safety barricades, bagging of parking meters etc. He will give a copy to everyone when this is completed to look over.
- Chairman Johnathan Hyde mentioned that since we have businesses moving into residential areas that they should have parking. Dan Varner mentioned that the Zoning Board addresses the parking situation for this. Dan Varner mentioned that the Zoning Board needs to be more restrictive off of Moore Street.
- Dan Varner said that the UPS batteries in the basement have not been replaced in years. He mentioned that he has ordered the batteries.
- Dan Varner said that the Police radios should be here in about a week.
- Dan Varner said that we will have an amendment to the \$300,000.00 loan for next Tuesday for Council. This will include the Or Lady Wall, Police Radios and Traffic Signals. Dan Varner recommends that the committee approve this.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:50 PM.

Minutes submitted by,

Richard S. King
Borough Secretary