Huntingdon Borough Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 9, 2021

The Huntingdon Borough Public Safety Committee meeting was held in the Borough Council Room, 530 Washington Street, Huntingdon, PA 16652, virtually by Webex Conference, Huntingdon Borough Facebook page and in-person.

Committee members present were Chairman James Bair and Councilman David Quarry.

Committee members virtual was Councilman David Fortson.

Members present were Councilwomen Dee Dee Brown, Chief of Police Jeff Buckley, Code Enforcement Officer James Morris, Borough Manager Chris Stevens and Borough Secretary Richard King.

Members virtual was President Johnathan Hyde.

Guest present was Gary Cramer.

There were no guest virtual for this meeting.

Chairman James Bair called the Public Safety Committee meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

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

There was nothing reported from the guest present.

Chairman James Bair proceeded to the Code Enforcement Officer’s report.

James Morris said that everyone had received his report and he went over his report with the committee.

Chairman James Bair asked about the dumpster that has been at Western Auto for a while?

James Morris said this building has changed hands and the person is cleaning out the top floors and said this is a slow process. James said that the owner is exploring ideas for what to do with the upstairs.

Chairman James Bair proceeded to the Chief of Police report.

Jeff Buckley said that Jedidiah Dishong was at school and they shut it down because of 2 people getting COVID, so Jedidiah’s graduation date will now be around the end of June.

Jeff Buckley said that Shannon Gummo’s last day is Tuesday, February 16, 2021 and he will be shorthanded until Jedidiah Dishong starts in early July 2021.

Chairman David Quarry asked about the motorcycle that is parked on the 400 block of Mifflin Street, that has been there for a while.

Jeff Buckley said the will take a look at it.

Chairman David Quarry said to Jeff Buckley the last snow storm, they were doing tickets and the snow storm before that, they didn’t and said we need to be consistent with this.

Jeff Buckley said this was due to staffing and there was an incident the officers were on at the time.

Jeff Buckley said that he has talked to the Maintenance Department to push the snow back as far as they can, so people have a place to park.

Dee Dee Brown said the residents see that we have a Police force and believes they are on duty.

Chairman James Bair said the signs do not state no parking for street cleaning only but it is for street maintenance also.

Chairman James Bair proceeded to the Borough Manager’s report.

Chris Stevens said he had nothing to report since Jeff Buckley and James Morris makes the Public Safety Committee meeting easier.

Chairman James Bair said he did not have a Fire Companies report for this meeting but will have it for next month’s meeting.

Chairman James Bair proceeded to Old Business.

Chairman James Bair asked about the Speed Control Devices?

Chris Stevens said we are acquiring 3 Speed Control Devices and we will not be spending tax payers money on these, since a donation was received to help. Committee agreed.

Dee Dee Brown asked if these were new devices or something we have already?

Chairman James Bair said these would be new and semi-permanent on poles.

Chris Stevens said we have a portable Speed Control Device that is now on Moore Street.

Chairman James Bair said he has nothing new on the Knox Box system, but would like to schedule a meeting sometime next week with James Morris, Jeff Buckley, Chris Stevens and Mayor Wessels.

Chairman James Bair proceeded to New Business.

Nothing was reported under New Business.

Chairman James Bair proceeded to Any Other Business.

Gary Cramer asked about the motorcycle on the 400 block of Mifflin Street.

Chairman James Bair said that the Police Department will be looking into this.

**Chairman James Bair called for an Executive Session at 3:17 PM.**

**Terry Green arrived at 3:25 PM.**

**The Executive Session ended at 3:36 PM with the following actions to be taken.**

**The Public Safety Committee recommends a motion to purchase Dash Cams for the Borough Police vehicles at an estimated cost of $40,000.00 to be reimbursed back to the General Fund from the Huntingdon Police Foundation donations.**

After no further business, Chairman James Bair adjourned the meeting at 3:38 PM.

Minutes submitted by,

Richard S. King
Borough Secretary