Huntingdon Borough Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

The Huntingdon Borough Public Safety Committee meeting was held in the Borough Council Room, 530 Washington Street, Huntingdon, PA 16652.

Members present were Chairman James Bair, President Johnathan Hyde, Councilman David Quarry, Councilman David Fortson, Councilwomen Dee Dee Brown, Code Enforcement Officer James Morris, Chief of Police Charles Streightiff, Borough Manager Chris Stevens and Borough Secretary Richard King.

Guest present were Jennifer Clark, Gary Cramer and James Grissinger.

Chairman James Bair called the Public Safety Committee meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

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

Gary Cramer asked where we were going to paint the corner intersections yellow.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said that we are still unable to get paint.

James Grissinger gave the report of the Huntingdon Regional Fire & Rescue and said there were 77 calls in September with 48 being in the borough and 31 of these were pumping out basements. James said the year to date calls were at 328.

Chairman James Bair called on the Code Enforcement Officer’s report.

James Morris gave an update on the Blair House by saying the contracts were signed and there will be a 90 day period for plans and to review them. James said he will share these as he receives them.

James Morris said to the committee about the paved sidewalks on Washington Street that were clear coated and asked if he should send a letter to replace these or let them go.

The committee agreed to send a letter telling these residents that they must replace their sidewalks with concrete and to give them till April 30, 2022 to complete due to the winter months coming on.

James Morris said he is giving Huntingdon Electric a few more weeks to decide what they are going to do with their property

Chairman James Bair said that 14th Street going to the Hospital needs repaired or paved and made the suggestion of going to the hospital to have them repair this or repave it. James also suggested to extend our road to the top of the hill and use Liquid Fuels money. James said that during the winter months this is the main access to the hospital.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said that to use Liquid Fuels money the road needs to be ours and when turning a road over to the borough it must be in a certain condition.

Chairman James Bair called on the Chief of Police report.

Charles Streightiff went over his report of the funds received, tickets, and calls received.

Charles Streightiff said that last week, notices were placed on windows of vehicle’s that we would be starting issuing tickets this week.

Charles Streightiff said that he has ordered the 2nd handheld for doing parking tickets.

Charles Streightiff gave his thanks to the Huntingdon Moose Lodge for their donations for a ballistic vest for an officer and wanted Councilman David Fortson to thank them for this and that the department appreciates their help.

Charles Streightiff spoke on the events that will be held at the schools.

Charles Streightiff said that October 20, 2021, the officers will be riding with bus drivers and doing a report on Safe Stop.

Charles Streightiff said that K9 X is very useful and the overtime for Officer Andrew Young’s overtime was covered by the Drug Task Force and now the Attorney General’s Office has taken over and the overtime is not covered.

Charles Streightiff said he has contacted Blair County on what they do now with this.

Charles Streightiff said that he would like to bill 3 hours at $200.00 to the DA’s Office when K9 X is used. The committee was in agreement to do this.

Charles Streightiff said the Civil Service Commission has updated the rules and regulations to what it is now instead of years ago and this will need approved by Borough Council.

**The Public Safety Committee recommends a motion to approve and sign the Civil Service Commission new revised rules and regulations.**

Charles Streightiff said the Civil Service Testing has been completed and requested to have an executive session. The committee asked Charles Streightiff if he could come to the Administrative Committee for their Executive Session. Charles Streightiff said yes.

Chairman James Bair said that he appreciated the pie chart breakdown of their calls.

President Johnathan Hyde asked if the police officers are out walking routes more.

Charles Streightiff said that he will be having a meeting with all the officers at the end of the month.

Chairman James Bair called on the Mayor’s report.

David Wessels said he has talked to Lex Bloom about the Parking Mobile and he is not ready yet. Dave asked since we are running into the end of the year and will be doing free parking for the holiday’s if we just want to wait until next year.

The committee agreed to have this set up in January and start in February or March.

Chairman James Bair called on the Borough Manager’s report.

Chris Stevens said we have received $27,484.21 for the Auditor General’s Foreign Fire Tax and this is a pass thru to the Huntingdon Volunteer Fireman’s Relief Association.

Chris Stevens said that Code Enforcement Officer James Morris needs another truck and mentioned about taking the truck from the Water plant to give to him.

Chairman James Bair called on old business.

There was nothing reported under old business.

Chairman James Bair called on new business.

There was nothing reported under new business.

Executive Session was not called for.

Chairman James Bair called on any other business.

There was nothing reported under any other business.

The Public Safety Committee meeting was adjourned at 4:48 PM.

Minutes submitted by,  
  
  
  
Richard S. King  
Borough Secretary