Huntingdon Borough Public Safety Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

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

Members present were President Johnathan Hyde, Councilman David Quarry, Councilman David Fortson, Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown, Councilman James Bair, Councilman Terry Green, Code Enforcement Officer James Morris, Borough Manager Chris Stevens and Borough Secretary Richard King.

Guest present were Dean Harris, Jennifer Clark, Gary Cramer and Robert Jackson.

Jennifer Powell was present by Webex Conference.

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.

Robert Jackson said the lighting at Juniata College is not good and not being able to see students walking across the road. Robert said there need to be sensors on them to brighten them up.

Chairman James Bair said we will get in touch with Juniata College.

Robert Jackson said at the last Parks Commission meeting they talked about the bicycles in the basement and mentioned about fixing up and giving to needy children.

Code Enforcement Officer James Morris said that you can’t give them away, and having something to do with the state on this being a surplus.

Robert Jackson said they discussed having a bicycle safety clinic with the police department.

Jennifer Powell typed in on Webex that Tyrone donates their bikes to helping hands.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said there is a time limit that you need to hold them.

Councilman Terry Green said if there is a stolen bicycle and we give it to some child and someone says that’s my bike then they could be in trouble.

Chairman James Bair called on the Code Enforcement Officers report.

James Morris went over his report.

James Morris said that a contract was approved for the Blair House and they are doing plans.

James Morris said that Huntingdon Electric is looking at what they want to do with this property.

James Morris said he has received the post cards to mail out for rental applications.

James Morris said he almost has the fees ready for 2022 and they will be on one sheet.

James Morris said the ordinances are updated on the website and he will be updating the books.

There was a discussion on the Washington Street pavement on what triggers preventive maintenance or repairs.

Dean Harris asked if there was a letter sent to everyone that had a paved sidewalk?

Chairman James Bair asked the committee on what their thoughts were on this?

**The Public Safety Committee recommended that we allow the blacktop sidewalk to remain and to leave it up to the Code Enforcement Officer to decide what is preventive maintenance and what is a repair.**

James Morris spoke on the 14th Street Hospital hill and said he spoke to Joseph Myers about this. James said that the hospital had money in the budget to repair this but took it out of the budget.

There was a discussion on the 14th Street Hospital hill and to talk to Solicitor Richard Wilson on this at the Administrative Committee meeting.

Chairman James Bair called on the Chief of Police report.

Chairman James Bair said that everyone know of the change of officer.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said we need to have them sign an agreement that they cannot leave for a year.

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

Chris Stevens had nothing to report on.

Chairman James Bair said he did not have a fire company report.

Chairman James Bair called on old business.

There was nothing reported under old business.

Chairman James Bair called on new business.

Chairman James Bair said he talked to Officer Malliband about scooter traveling on the streets and there is nothing on the books or an ordinance to this effect.

Chairman James Bair called on any other business.

There was nothing reported under any other business.

After no further business the Public Safety Committee meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM.

Minutes submitted by,

Richard S. King
Borough Secretary