

Huntingdon Borough Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

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

Members present were Chairwoman Dee Dee Brown, President James Bair, Vice-President David Fortson, Councilwoman Jennifer Powell, Councilman Robert Jackson, Councilman Terry Green, Councilman David Quarry, Mayor Thomas Yoder, 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 Dean Harris.

Chairwoman Dee Dee Brown called the Public Safety Committee meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

Chairwoman Dee Dee Brown recognized the guest present and ask for their comments.

Gary Cramer ask why we have cleared the snow off of Washington Street, but not at the parking meters.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said that we have no place to put the snow, that DEP will not allow us due to the salt going into the river.

Jennifer Clark said there are people that can't reach the meters.

Jennifer Clark ask why we are ticketing if we can't get to the parking meters.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said if we didn't ticket then they will just leave their vehicles there for days.

Dean Harris ask if you own property downtown can you park on the sidewalk?

Chief Streightiff said you cannot park on the sidewalk but you can park on your own grass.

Dean Harris said there are vehicles parked on sidewalks between Washington Street and Susquehanna Avenue on 9th Street that needs looked at.

Chairwoman Dee Dee Brown called on the Code Enforcement Officer's report.

James Morris went over his report with the committee.

President James Bair ask what was going on at Penn Highlands.

James Morris said they are renovating the 2nd and 3rd floor and working on the roof.

Chairwoman Dee Dee Brown ask if 14th Street from Warm Springs Avenue to the hospital, is this our street.

It was mentioned that we own up to the last house and from there up is the hospital.

Chairwoman Dee Dee Brown said that there needs to be something done to this hill.

James Morris said he has talked to the hospital and we will be including this in our paving this year, that we will then bill them.

Chairwoman Dee Dee Brown called on the Chief of Police report.

Charles Streightiff went over his report with the committee.

Charles Streightiff said we have received 7 Civil Service Applications back and the written exam will be this Saturday, with Oral Boards being February 17, 2022.

Charles Streightiff reported on Austin Pheasant and said he was doing well. Charles said his graduation date is June 10, 2022

Charles Streightiff said he has received a letter from the Attorney General's office on Officer Andrew Young and K9-X on the successful operation in the Broad Top area seizing methamphetamine, cocaine, MDMA, fentanyl disguised as Oxycodone pills and nearly \$40,000.000 in US currency.

Charles Streightiff said he commends Officer Andy Young and K9-X on this.

Charles Streightiff said he has sent Melvin Isett a letter on his 100-year milestone birthday and thanked him for his donations to Huntingdon Borough and Huntingdon Borough Police Department.

Charles Streightiff said the accident reports are now in digital format and is uploaded to Car Fax.

Charles Streightiff said the incident on Washington Street by Brown's Funeral Home, there was 11 citations issued for this.

Charles Streightiff said a state grant was applied for Huntingdon Borough dealing with co-responders on mental health issues. Charles said the police department does not need to stay that once the co-responder shows up they can leave.

Chairwoman Dee Dee Brown called on the Borough Manager's report.

Chris Stevens updated everyone on the police vehicles. Chris said the new Explorer is done and the new truck, the cage will be here next week.

Chris Stevens said the 2 police vehicles they are replacing will go to Maintenance to be used for water meter reading.

Chairwoman Dee Dee Brown called on the Mayor's report.

Thomas Yoder said he is in his office and has 5 weeks until he retires.

Chairwoman Dee Dee Brown called on the Fire companies report.

President James Bair said they are running late and will be here shortly.

Chairwoman Dee Dee Brown called on Old Business.

There was nothing reported under Old Business.

Tim Furlong from the Fire Department arrived at 4:02 PM.

President James Bair ask Tim Furlong to give the number of fire calls for January.

Tim Furlong said there were 42 calls for January.

Chairwoman Dee Dee Brown called on New Business.

There was nothing reported under New Business.

Executive Session was not called for.

Chairwoman Dee Dee Brown called on Any Other Business.

Vice-President David Fortson ask if we have a noise ordinance and when does it start.

It was mentioned that we do have a noise ordinance and it starts at 11:00 PM.

After no further business, the Public Safety committee meeting was adjourned at 4:05 PM.

Minutes submitted by,

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Borough Secretary