

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

Guest present were Gary Cramer, Jennifer Clark, Dean Harris, James Grissinger, Tammy Stuber & Kathy Jones.

Members present were President James Bair, Vice-President David Fortson, Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown, Councilwoman Jennifer Powell, Councilman Robert Jackson, Councilman David Fortson, Mayor Thomas Yoder, Code Enforcement Officer James Morris, Chief of Police Charles Streightiff, Borough Manager Chris Stevens and Borough Secretary Richard King.

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 there was no street light at 9th & Moore Street?

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said he will get in touch with HRI and PennDOT.

Gary Cramer said when you turn off of Mifflin Street at 9th and go to Moore Street, you need to pull out into traffic to see since there are two trucks parked at the Dollar General Store.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens will get in touch with the owner of the property.

Jennifer Clark said that the property at 1514 Moore Street is a health hazard.

Code Enforcement Officer James Morris said this property has been issue several citations and he will be issuing more citations.

Jennifer Clark said we need to do something with this property.

President James Bair said we will get with Solicitor Richard Wilson to see what can be done.

Chairwoman Dee Dee Brown called on the Code Enforcement Officers report.

James Morris then went over his report with the committee.

James Morris said the Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth Program (AEDY) in the Middle School is in compliance with our ordinance.

James Morris said that Bureau of Veritas will be doing their final inspection of Westminster Place in 2-3 weeks.

James Morris said that Westminster Place wants an Occupancy Permit for the 3rd & 4th Floor but he objects to this and will not allow.

James Morris said that Westminster Place is still planning on an Open House in May.

James Morris said we will be having another Zoom Meeting on the Blair House this Thursday at 9:00 AM. James said this will be the 3rd meeting held and the crews are still working on the Blair House.

President James Bair ask if he could tell them to drape the side of the building because of being an eyesore.

Chairwoman Dee Dee Brown said we need to get something out to the residents that there is work going on there.

James Morris said the Daily News calls him once a month on this property and he will call them to put more information in the paper.

Councilwoman Jennifer Powell said the Blair Building was a big tragedy and said that G & R Excavating will be tearing down stuff. Jennifer said what will happen to the items that are still there from the residents? Can they get these? Jennifer said that we need to take care of our community.

James Morris said that he will see that personal items are not in G & R Excavating Contract.

President James Bair said that we need to have the Daily News place information on the Blair House in Free Express circulations that will get out to more than Huntingdon Borough.

James Morris said the Zoning Hearing Board has approved the HVAC building on Standing Stone Avenue.

James Morris said that the 429 Moore Street property, the owner is in the process of having the people evicted and has told the owner there needs to be a way in and out of the building.

James Morris said there are 3 possible buyer for the 429 Moore Street property and he will inform them of what needs done.

James Morris said that Angie and John Thompson are looking at buying the Huntingdon Electric property. James said they are getting bigger and need to expand.

James Morris said that Penn Highlands wants to get 3 estimates for paving the road to, Upper and Lower parking lot.

President James Bair ask if there were any updates on their projects.

James Morris said the Cath Lab was the last thing.

James Morris said he is not getting a lot of Mobile Food Applications because of health and safety issues, licenses, certifications and inspections.

James Morris spoke on the lockbox application fee and is recommending a \$50.00 to cover expenses.

James Morris said he is in the process of asking the fire company on what lockbox they would like and if they want a 2-key unit or more. James said we will get the license and then get a list of who would have access to get pin numbers for individuals.

President James Bair ask if the borough was going to pay for the lockbox fees?

James Morris said yes and we will purchase 5 lockboxes for the apparatus's.

James Morris said the Ambulance Division does not want involved in this right now.

James Morris said he is down to a few rental licenses and will be making calls and issuing citations.

James Morris said the Huntingdon Arts Council is moving to the 12th Street Church and believes this is a good move.

It was ask if they were going to be renovating?

James Morris said if they are going to renovate, then they will need to come into compliance with the codes.

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

Charles Streightiff went over his reports and said that he will be updating the figures when he gets the reports next week.

Charles Streightiff said the Civil Service Commission has approved the new Civil Service listing and will be good for one year (February 2022 – February 2023)

Charles Streightiff said he will be having a conference call on the PCCD grants on April 5th. Charles said we were awarded the grant but they still want some more information.

Charles Streightiff said that he will be given a commendation to SRO Adam McBride for the National School Resource Officer Appreciation Day.

Charles Streightiff spoke on the Mental Health Co-Responder Position and this will be advertised soon. Charles said the HPD Policy has been written up and the memorandum of understanding is between HPD and Center for Community Resources (CCR).

Charles Streightiff said upon recommendation of Corporal Shaun McCready, a commendation to Officer Corey Stuller for his actions on the early morning hours of February 11, 2022. Officer Stuller assisted the Huntingdon Pennsylvania State Police and the Mount Union Police Department in an active pursuit of an attempted homicide suspect. Charles said that Officer Stuller was cool and calm and did a fantastic job. Charles said that we were ask to assist in this.

Borough Manager Chris Stevens said we have a mutual agreement with the State and Mount Union.

The Watch Guard video was then shown of the pursuit.

Charles Streightiff said the SRO contract is with the school only. Charles said the memorandum of understanding is with HPD and TIU11 Partial Hospitalization in the Middle School.

Charles Streightiff updated the committee on the new police vehicles. Charles said the Ford Explorer has been picked up and equipment is being placed. Charles said the F-150 is almost done that 911 Rapid Response is doing some modifications on this.

Charles Streightiff said that National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2022.

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

Chris Stevens had nothing to report.

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

Thomas Yoder had nothing to report.

Chairwoman Dee Dee Brown called on the Fire Companies report.

James Grissinger said there were 30 calls for the month of February and does not have this broke down into what they were.

Chairwoman Dee Dee Brown called on Old Business.

There was nothing reported under Old Business.

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.

There was nothing reported under Any Other Business.

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

After no further business, the Public Safety Committee meeting was adjourned at 4:40 PM.

Minutes submitted by,

Richard S. King
Borough Secretary