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

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

Guest present were Greg Gutshall, James Grissinger, Tim Furlong, Joshua Crownover and Linda DeArmitt.

Chairwomen Dee Dee Brown called the Public Safety Committee meeting to order at 4:26 PM.

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

Greg Gutshall ask what the status was of the junk vehicles.

Chief of Police Charles Streightiff said they were notified and this is still in progress.

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

James Morris went over his report with the committee.

James Morris spoke on the Knox Box, the property on Allegheny Street, Domino’s and two properties.

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

Charles Streightiff went over his report with the committee.

Mayor Thomas Yoder said he had moved the time back to 7:00 AM for doing parking tickets.

Charles Streightiff said there are 9 vest that needs replaced and he has not heard from the grant he applied for.

Charles Streightiff said the Huntingdon Bearcats homecoming is going to be held on Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 6:00 PM instead of Friday. Charles said the football players wanted to be included this year.

Charles Streightiff said that Officer Stuller had presented a proposal on a Drone and to work with the Pennsylvania State Police. Charles said if the State Police are called to go somewhere, they would not be available. Charles said there will be schooling at the Blair County Airport and training will be held monthly at Penn State.

Charles Streightiff said that Rhett Stetchock has been walking K9 X and are getting along. Charles said that they will be going for training September 6, 2022 thru November 4, 2022.

Charles Streightiff said that Officer Pheasant has completed his FTO training is now on his own.

Charles Streightiff said that Officer Conrad if Vice-President of the Academy Class. Charles said that Officer Conrad has completed his firearms training with Detective Kagarise.

Charles Streightiff said he would like to swear in Officer Conrad on November 15, 2022.

Charles Streightiff said that Bill McIlroy has resigned from the Civil Service Commission after 15 years of service. Charles said he would like to recognize him in some capacity.

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

Thomas Yoder said he has nothing to report on.

Chairwoman Dee Dee Brown called on the Borough Managers report.

Chris Stevens said that since Officer Andy Young had left, we need to replace his as the Emergency Management Coordinator. Chris recommended that Shaun Magill replace Andy Young in this position.

**The committee agreed to make Shaun Magill the new Emergency Management Coordinator and to pay him $100.00 per month like they did with Andy.**

Chief of Police Charles Streightiff said that he will be applying for a one million dollar grant for technology. Charles said the radios are 5 years old and wants to replace these.

Chairwoman Dee Dee Brown called on the Fire Companies report.

Tim Furlong reported the fire company had 43 incidents in August.

Tim Furlong said he will have the expense report ready for the September council meeting.

Tim Furlong said the fair bingo event had a decent turnout throughout the week and said they brought in around $5,000.00. Tim said they had to put in major repairs to the bingo booth that he does not see a profit.

Tim Furlong said the committee will be heading to Florida on October 4, 2022 for final inspection on the new fire truck and said it will then go to Lancaster for equipment mounting and should arrive in November.

Tim Furlong said he would like to do an open house/block party with Borough Council involved after it arrives. Tim said we would probably do this in the spring.

Tim Furlong said currently there are no buyers for the current truck.

Tim Furlong said they have received new battery powered rescue tools from Walker Township for Squad 65.

Chairwoman Dee Dee Brown called on Old Business.

There was nothing reported under Old Business.

Chairwoman Dee Dee Brown called on New Business.

Linda DeArmitt spoke on Mayfest and said this needs to go to Borough events. Linda said we need someone on the board for Non-profit license.

Councilman Robert Jackson, Councilwoman Dee Dee Brown, Councilman David Fortson, Mayor Thomas Yoder and Councilman David Quarry said they would be glad to be on the board of Mayfest.

The committee suggested that we bring this to the attention of Solicitor Richard Wilson to redo the Mayfest Committee.

Executive Session was not called for.

After no further business, the Public Safety Committee meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by,

Richard S. King
Borough Secretary