Huntingdon Borough Public Safety Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

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

Guest present were Joseph Thompson, Ed Price, Sandy Price, James Grissinger, and Tim Furlong.

Members present were President James Bair, Vice-President David Fortson, Councilman David Quarry, Councilman Robert Jackson, 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.

Chairwoman Dee Dee Brown called the Public Safety Committee meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

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

Gary Cramer said instead of putting the stop signs at 15th & Moore Street, it would be more feasible to move these to 14th Street.

President James Bair said these were being placed to slow down traffic.

Ed Price of 301 Reynolds Avenue said his neighbor across the street has a flood light that lights up their house when it is on. Ed said this light is so bright that it puts the street light out.

Ed Price said they also have camera’s, that when they (Price’s) go from room to room it kicks the flood light on, so these cameras can see what they are doing. Ed said this is an invasion of privacy.

Chairwoman Dee Dee Brown asked Code Enforcement Officer James Morris if he could look into this.

Code Enforcement Officer James Morris said that he could handle some of this but he needs to talk to the officers on others.

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

James Morris then went over his report with the committee.

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

Charles Streightiff went over his reports with the committee and said he will have the District Justice and Probation amounts later.

Charles Streightiff said he has the final School Resource Officer Contract ready to be signed by the school district. Charles said this contract went from 1 page to 8 pages.

Charles Streightiff said that the Rotary has applied for a grant for the K9 vehicle that sends text messages when something go wrong in the vehicle.

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

Thomas Yoder had nothing to report.

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

Chris Stevens said the 911 Contract ends with the County the end of the year. Chris said that he has given the County Commissioners a new contract for 2024-2026. Chris said the increase for 2024 is $23,000; 2025 $26,000 and 2026 $29,000. Chris said this will cover the non-uniform union raises, and health insurance raises.

Chris Stevens said the County Commissioners have signed this contract and we will need to sign it at the Borough Council meeting.

**The Public Safety Committee recommends a motion to sign the 2024, 2025 & 2026 911 Contract.**

President James Bair said to send this out to council to review. (Chris made copies)

Chris Stevens said that he sits on with 7 other directors on the State 911 board. Chris said the phone line cost that we get is going from $1.65 to $1.97 per line.

Chris Stevens said the Regional CAD system will go live on August 22, 2023.

Chairwoman Dee Dee Brown called on the fire company report.

Tim Furlong said the company handled 22 calls in July. Tim said the expenses amounted to $49,881.16. Tim reported on the event of the gun raffle by saying they had 1,480 people there and sold 30,103 tickets. Tim said he does not have the final figures but this will be a nice fundraiser.

Tim Furlong said they had no incidents at the July 3rd fireworks.

Tim Furlong said they will be meeting with Penn Highlands on August 2nd on fire drills with actual simulated incidents.

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.

After no further business, the Public Safety Committee meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM.

Minutes submitted by,

Richard S. King
Borough Secretary