



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

January 9, 2013

7:30 P.M.

Minutes of Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Durkin called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

- **Committee members present:** Chairman Durkin, Councilman Boutcher, Councilman Conners, Councilwoman Farrell, and Councilwoman Soltysiak.
- **Others present:** Mayor Foley, Chief DiValentino, Manager Hanel, Assistant Manager Bashore, Public Works Director Micciolo, and Engineer Hyne.
- **Absent:** None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment at this time.

REPORTS

1. **Police Department:** A written report was provided to the Committee in their monthly meeting materials.
2. **Second Alarmers:** A written report was provided to the Committee in their monthly meeting materials.
3. **Pioneer Fire Company:** There was no report given.
4. **Independent Fire Company:** A 2012 Annual Report was provided to the Committee.

NEW BUSINESS / ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. **Jenkintown Police Dept. – Collective Bargaining Agreement:** Chairman Durkin stated that the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Police Department is in a form that is ready to be moved to full Council for approval.

Action: On motion of Councilman Conners, seconded by Councilman Boutcher, the motion recommending that the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Police Department move to full Council for approval passed unanimously.

2. Parking Issues

- a. **500 block Summit Ave.:** Councilwoman Farrell noted that she has heard concerns from constituents regarding parking on the 500 block of Summit Ave. related to the King's Corner restaurant. Chief DiValentino stated that there was an incident recently regarding parking on Summit Ave. It was noted that the business owner has a sign indicating that there is municipal property. Councilwoman Farrell stated that a resident has painted an "X" in street and painted the curb in order to delineate a parking space near their property. Chairman Durkin requested that Councilwoman Farrell work with the owner to see what steps may be necessary to alleviate the parking issue.
- b. **Greenwood Ave.:** Chairman Durkin noted that he received complaints from residents regarding parking on the 100 block of Greenwood Ave. It was noted that there were meters in this location that have since been removed. Public Works Director Micciolo stated that there may be an opportunity for metered parking spaces on West Ave. near the train station.

The Committee directed Public Works Director Micciolo to investigate the installation of metered parking spaces on West Ave. and report back at the February meeting.

- c. **Wyncote Road – Request for Permit Parking:** Chairman Durkin stated that the Borough has received a request for permit parking on Wyncote Road. It was noted that the permit parking program is currently being evaluated. Chief DiValentino reviewed the status of the program, noting that there are six (6) streets that have permit parking and stated that the program is not addressing a need.

The Committee directed Chief DiValentino to review the request for Wyncote Road and report to them at the February meeting.

3. **Fire Police – Workers Comp.:** Dennis Cline, a representative for the Fire Police, was present to discuss this issue with the Committee. Mr. Cline stated that the Fire Police are currently covered under the Borough's Workers Comp. policy for all emergency responses in the Borough or through mutual aid, as well as any authorized non-emergency events within the Borough. Mr. Cline stated that the issue is coverage for unauthorized, non-emergency events in the Borough or through mutual aid.

Chairman Durkin asked for a definition of non-emergency event. Manager Hanel stated that the municipality must grant the authorization for mutual aid in both emergency and non-emergency situations. Manager Hanel recommended defining non-emergency events annually and obtaining a roster of the Fire Police each year. Mr. Cline recommended defining a non-emergency event and noted that authorization had to be municipality to municipality.

Manager Hanel presented a draft resolution to the Committee memorializing the standing of the Fire Police with Workers Comp. Manager Hanel is awaiting an opinion from the Borough's Workers Comp. policy carrier.

The Committee directed Manager Hanel to obtain a roster of Fire Police Officers, revise the resolution to reflect coverage for the Fire Police, and review the document with the Borough Solicitor.

- 4. Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan Amendment:** Manager Hanel stated that the Montgomery County Department of Public Safety has revised its Hazard Mitigation Plan and is requesting approval from municipalities. A resolution has been prepared.

ACTION: On motion of Councilman Boutcher, seconded by Councilman Conners, the motion to move the resolution approving amendments to the Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan to full Council for approval passed unanimously.

- 5. Pioneer request to use contingency funds:** Manager Hanel presented a request for reimbursement for repair expenses to a vehicle in the amount of \$1,486.85 from the contingency line-item of the Fire Apparatus Fund.

The Committee authorized Manager Hanel to process a reimbursement to Pioneer Fire Company for repairs out of the Contingency line-item for the Fire Apparatus Fund in the amount of \$1,486.85.

- 6. Proposed Resolution on Gun Control:** Mayor Foley stated that a resolution has been prepared by the Mayors Against Illegal Guns that urges the federal government to tighten the gun check loophole, to tighten the federal ban on assault weapons, and to make gun trafficking a federal crime. Mayor Foley recommended the Committee send the resolution to full Council for approval.

ACTION: On motion of Councilman Durkin, seconded by Councilwoman Farrell, the motion to recommend adoption of the proposed resolution to Council passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Montgomery County Radio System Update:** Chief DiValentino reported that Montgomery County has determined a carrier for the new County Radio System at a lower cost than originally anticipated. Manager Hanel reported that the County is still considering assistance to municipalities. The Committee requested Chief DiValentino to continue to provide updates as the project progresses.
- 2. Greenwood Ave. Bridge – Update:** Assistant Manager Bashore reported that night work on the bridge has been suspended and the contractor will only be undertaking day work at this time. There are still plans to demolish the existing bridge in January.
- 3. Flashing STOP Sign Warning Lights:** The Committee thanked Public Works Director Micciolo for installing the flashing warning lights on the STOP signs at the intersection of Greenwood Ave. and Walnut St. Chairman Durkin asked if there were other problematic intersections where they may work. Public Works Director Micciolo stated that he would speak with Chief DiValentino regarding problematic intersections. Chief DiValentino warned that these may lose their effectiveness if they are installed at too many intersections.
- 4. Signage Review in Borough:** Public Works Director Micciolo reported that the Public Works Department is working through the Borough to replace signs, starting with all STOP signs, then regulatory and street signs.

5. **Second Alarmers Agreement:** The Second Alarmers Rescue Squad is reviewing the agreement and will provide feedback to the Committee.
6. **Civil Service Testing – Update:** Manager Hanel reported that the Civil Service Committee will meet again in February.
7. **Police Ballistic Vests:** Chairman Durkin asked that a press release be issued announcing the purchase of new ballistic vests for the Police Department.
8. **Peddling and Solicitation:** Councilman Conners stated that he has been contacted by several constituents regarding the influx and demeanor of energy company solicitors working in the Borough. Manager Hanel stated that the current ordinance is being reviewed and will be discussed at the Administration and Finance Committee meeting in January.

ADJOURNMENT

Please see “Action Items” on next page.

Action Items

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Carolyn Hanel, Borough Manager	CBA – Move to full Council Fire Police Workers Comp. – Obtain roster, revise resolution, and review with Borough Solicitor MontCo Hazard Mitigation Plan – Move to full Council Gun Control Resolution – Move to full Council Pioneer Request for Reimbursement – Process reimbursement
Al DiValentino, Chief of Police	Permit Parking Request for Wyncote Rd. – Review request and report to Committee
Michael Micciolo, Public Works Director	Metered parking on West Ave. – Investigate the possibility of installing metered spaces on West Ave. near the Jenkintown Train Station
Christopher Bashore, Assistant Manager	Police Ballistic Vests – Prepare press release regarding the purchase of ballistic vests