



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

March 13, 2013

7:30 P.M.

MINUTES OF MEETING

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

ATTENDANCE

- **Committee members present:** Councilman Boutcher, Councilman Bunker, Councilman Conners, and Councilwoman Soltysiak
- **Committee members absent:** Chairman Durkin, Councilwoman Farrell
- **Others present:** Mayor Foley, Chief DiValentino, Interim Manager Locke, Assistant Manager Bashore, Chief Lynch, Chief Bachman, John Townsend (Second Alarmers Rescue Squad)

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

REPORTS

1. **Police Department:** A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials. Chief DiValentino reported that he will begin including a "Summary of Police Incidents" each month. Acting Chairman Conners asked about the K-9 operation conducted with the Jenkintown School District. Chief DiValentino stated that it was a lock down drill and that it went well.
2. **Second Alarmers:** A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials.
3. **Pioneer Fire Company:** Chief Bachman reported that Pioneer Fire Company has received an \$11,000 grant from Pennsylvania that will be used to purchase three (3) new air packs.
4. **Independent Fire Company:** A written report was provided with the monthly meeting materials.

NEW BUSINESS / ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. **Civil Service Commission - Proposed Rules and Regulations:** Acting Chairman Conners stated that the Civil Service Commission has recommended that their revised rules and regulations be moved to full Council for consideration. Assistant Manager Bashore reported that the rules and regulations may be adopted by Resolution.

ACTION: On motion of Councilman Boutcher, seconded by Councilwoman Soltysiak, the motion recommending that Council approve the revised rules and regulations for the Civil Service Commission passed unanimously.

- 2. The Chelsea - Fire Safety / Evacuation Plan:** Acting Chairman Conners stated that the Chelsea is working to update its fire safety / evacuation plan, noting that there is on-going dialogue in order to determine the best operation with the fire department and the Borough. Councilman Boutcher stated that he contacted the Chelsea and will schedule a meeting between the Chelsea and Interim Manager Locke to review the plan. Councilman Boutcher stated that a plan has not been filed with the Borough at this time. Rock Wurst, Building Services Director for the Chelsea, stated that he is working to having the evacuation plan updated and will meet with the Borough to facilitate the process. The Committee thanked Mr. Wurst for his work in this project.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Montgomery County Radio Upgrade:** Acting Chairman Conners stated that a report has been provided regarding the Montgomery County Radio Upgrade. The report indicates that the County will cover the infrastructure and interest costs. Councilman Boutcher stated that the Police Department will need to obtain new radios by the third quarter of 2014 and the fire departments radios will only need to be rebanded. The cost will be approximately \$4,000 per radio; the radios will be guaranteed for 5 years and maintenance will be included for 15 years. Acting Chairman Conners asked about the infrastructure changes. Councilman Boutcher stated that the County is seeking to install 10 new towers throughout the County and one or two will be located in the Jenkintown area. Councilman Bunker asked if there will be any grant funding available. Councilman Boutcher stated that no grant funding will be available at this time.
- 2. Greenwood Ave. Bridge – Update:** Assistant Manager Bashore reported that the meeting between the Borough, Cheltenham Township, SEPTA, and PennDOT was held on March 1 and was attend by Councilman Boutcher, Mayor Foley, and he. Meetings will continue to be held every six (6) weeks, with the next meeting on April 5. Assistant Manager Bashore noted that the temporary utility relocation has been completed. The Committee directed Assistant Manager Bashore to speak with SEPTA regarding business signage at the Jenkintown Train Station.
- 3. Fire Police – Worker’s Comp. - Proposed Ordinance:** Acting Chairman Conners reported that an ordinance authorizing workers compensation coverage for Fire Police had been prepared by the Borough Solicitor. Assistant Manager Bashore stated that the proposed ordinance includes functions that the Fire Police may perform for which they would be covered. The Committee determined that this matter will be reviewed by the Fire Police and will be discussed further at the April meeting.
- 4. Update - Wyncote Permit Parking:** Chief DiValentino reported that the permit parking signs had been installed and letters were sent to the affected properties. Permit parking will be evaluated after 110 days.
- 5. Pioneer Fire Company - Request to use funds for truck repairs:** Acting Chairman Conners stated that a proposal for repairs to a fire apparatus with Pioneer Fire Company. The total cost will be \$18,122. Chief Bachman stated that the repairs will include a replacement of the air

conditioning system on Engine 96 and replace of light bars on both vehicles. The Committee will review the request and discuss this matter further at the April meeting.

6. **Second Alarmers Agreement:** Mr. Townsend stated that the agreement was reviewed by the Executive Director and the Second Alarmers Board. Mr. Townsend noted that the Board had questions and would like to schedule a meeting with the Borough to discuss them. Interim Manager Locke will coordinate a meeting with the Second Alarmers to discuss the agreement.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion of Councilwoman Soltysiak, seconded by Councilman Bunker, the motion adjourning the meeting passed unanimously.

Action Items

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George Locke, Interim Manager	The Chelsea Fire Safety / Evacuation Plan - Arrange meeting with the Chelsea regarding plan
Chris Bashore, Assistant Manager	Civil Service Commission Rules & Regulations - Move to full Council