

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
July 29, 2009

The meeting of the Police and Public Safety Committee was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Terry Mest. Committee members present in addition to Mr. Mest, were Patrick Maloney, Lori Carnes, and ex-officio member Frank Deery.

Also present were Council member Raynard Spaide; Mayor Marianne Deery; Police Chief Barry Leatherman; Jake Lea and Charles Haddad, Building a Better Boyertown, and a concerned citizen.

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 1st, 2009 meeting of the committee was made by Mr. Mest, seconded by Mrs. Carnes, and approved.

Police Chief's Report

The Chief reported that he was contacted by the Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles concerning the delivery of an exhibit on Tuesday, August 3rd that will require the closing of West Third Street. The Chief recommended that Council authorize the closing of West Third Street between Walnut Street and College Street on Tuesday, August 3rd, 2009. The committee agreed; this matter will be placed on the agenda of the August 3rd meeting of Council.

The Chief reported that he has no new information to provide concerning the DROP Program at this time.

Unfinished Business

Emergency Services Task Force – The consultant is gathering information to complete the study. No change since last month.

New Business

Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement Boyertown Area Emergency Management Council – The members reviewed an amendment to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement to reduce the number of municipal representatives appointed by each municipality from eight to four. It was noted that the council has had a difficult time achieving a quorum. Mr. Deery noted that the amendment does not authorize the appointment of alternates. Mr. Deery stated that he felt the amendment should require the appointment of four primary and four alternate representatives. The committee agreed; Mrs. Spaide will inform Colebrookdale Township officials.

Other Comments

Mr. Mest called for public comment and recognized Mr. Lea and Mr. Haddad who discussed with the members matters relating to the Main Street Streetscape. Mr. Lea discussed with the members the issue of parking meters within the Streetscape Area. He noted that the design committee of the BBB has discussed the idea of removal of the meters, or replacement of the meters with a different metering system, or the elimination of parking on one side of the street. Mr. Lea noted that discussion and a decision concerning these matters will have to occur prior to proceeding with final design plans for the Streetscape. Mr. Mest directed that this matter be placed on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

Mr. Haddad discussed with the members the Crossroads Project. He noted that PennDot is requiring the improvement of the handicap ramps at the main intersection in conjunction with the Crossroads Project. In light of that, Mr. Haddad inquired if the Borough is in agreement to install brick crosswalks at the main intersection. He noted that the crosswalks would have to meet PennDot specifications. Following discussion, the committee agreed that the brick crosswalks should be included in the Crossroads Project.

There being no further business to conduct, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. was made by Mr. Maloney and seconded by Mrs. Carnes. The next meeting of the Police & Public Safety Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, September 2nd, 2009 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Spaide
Borough Secretary