

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
September 2, 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; and a concerned citizen.

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 29th, 2009 meeting of the committee was made by Mr. Mest, seconded by Mrs. Carnes, and approved.

Police Chief's Report

The Chief reviewed with the members a monthly report on the activities of the police department. The Chief also thanked council for authorizing the purchase of new handguns for the department in the middle of a fiscal year.

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

The Chief also noted a handicap parking request from the resident of 116 South Franklin Street. The resident meets the requirements and the committee agreed to recommend council approve the request.

Unfinished Business

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

Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement Boyertown Area Emergency Management Council – Mrs. Spaide advised the members that the municipal solicitors are working on the revision to the agreement to reduce the number of members appointed by each municipality from eight to four. Solicitor Hartman informed Mrs. Spaide that a revision to the original agreement will require the adoption of an ordinance. In addition, Mr. Deery noted that the Township Commissioners are not in favor of appointing four primary and four alternate representatives. In the alternative they suggested the appointment of four primary and two alternate representatives.

Main Street Streetscape Parking Discussion – Discussion was held concerning the BBB's request for the borough to consider either the removal of parking meters in the main street area, or installation of a new metering system with one central location, or the elimination of parking on one side of the street. As a member of the BBB Design Committee, Mr. Spaide advised the members that the Design Committee is concerned

about the aesthetics of the main street. Following discussion, the committee directed Mrs. Spaide to inform the BBB Design Committee that the committee does not favor the removal of parking meters or the elimination of parking on one side of the street. The committee further recommended that the BBB should consider coming to Borough Council with a specific proposal for consideration.

New Business

Regional meeting to Discuss Berks County Policing Study – The members were reminded that the Berks Municipal Partnership will hold a meeting on Tuesday, September 23, 2009 beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Oley Fairgrounds to receive public comment on the Berks County Policing Study. Mr. Deery encouraged members of the Police and Public Safety Committee to attend the meeting.

Other Comments

There being no further business to conduct, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. was made by Mrs. Carnes and seconded by Mr. Maloney. The next meeting of the Police & Public Safety Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, September 30th, 2009 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Spaide
Borough Secretary