

**POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
October 28, 2009**

The meeting of the Police and Public Safety Committee was called to order at 7:14 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 Mayor Marianne Deery; Police Chief Barry Leatherman; Patricia Spaide, Borough Manager, Steve Harrity, Graffiti Abatement Coordinator, Officer Michael Hoppes, and Sergeant Gregory Miller, and a concerned citizen.

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 30, 2009 meeting of the committee was made by Mr. Maloney, 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 reported that he has no new information to provide concerning the DROP Program.

The Chief advised the committee of the BBB's request to authorize the closure of East Philadelphia Avenue from Reading Avenue to Chestnut Street between the hours of 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 5th, 2009 for the Chillin on Main event. This matter will be placed on the agenda of the November 2nd meeting of Council.

The Chief also advised the committee that the BBB requested permission to have a parking meter decorating contest in conjunction with the Chillin on Main event. The Chief noted that the BBB has been advised that if Council authorizes the contest, decorations could not interfere with the operation of the meter. The Chief noted that the decorations would be removed from the meters on Monday, December 7th. It is unclear when the meters would be decorated for the contest. Further clarification will be obtained from the BBB.

Unfinished Business

Emergency Services Task Force – The consultant is gathering information in order 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

New Business

Steve Harrity, Berks County Graffiti Abatement Coordinator - The Chairman recognized Mr. Harrity who explained to the members how the County Graffiti Abatement program works. Mr. Harrity explained that with the permission of property owners, the County program can remove graffiti from private property at no cost to the

property owner. Mr. Harrity further explained that the program uses individuals who have community service hours. Mr. Harrity also noted that a team of community service workers will arrive in Boyertown on Friday, October 30th to remove graffiti from numerous properties in the borough. Mr. Harrity also provided the committee with a sample graffiti ordinance.

Other Comments

There being no further business to conduct, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. was made by Mr. Maloney and seconded by Mr. Mest. The next meeting of the Police & Public Safety Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, December 2, 2009 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Spaide
Borough Manager