

**POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
December 30, 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 Members Keith Endy and Gene Gable; Mayor Marianne Deery; Patricia Spaide, Borough Manager, Police Chief Barry Leatherman, and a concerned citizen.

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2009 meeting of the committee was made by Mr. Mest, seconded by Mr. Maloney, and approved.

**Police Chief's Report**

Chief Leatherman reviewed with the members a report on the activities of the department during the month of December.

Mr. Maloney raised a concern about the bus stop at Fourth and Washington Streets. Specifically, Mr. Maloney stated that several parents have expressed concern that vehicles are not stopping when the bus stop lights are flashing and are going around the bus on Washington Street. A discussion ensued on the subject and Chief Leatherman stated that he will investigate where the bus stops to pick up children and see if something can be done to improve the situation.

**Unfinished Business**

**Emergency Services Task Force** – The consultant has advised Mrs. Spaide that a draft copy of the report was reviewed by the DCED and returned to the consultant to be put in final form. The consultant will finalize the report and return it to the DCED who will then forward the report to the municipalities. The consultant indicated that it is possible that the final report would be provided to the borough sometime in January.

**Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement Boyertown Area Emergency Management Council** – Solicitor Hartman has prepared a resolution for consideration by Borough Council which would amend the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement to require each municipality to appoint four individuals to the Boyertown Emergency Management Council. This resolution will be approved at the January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meeting of Council.

**Graffiti Ordinance** – Mr. Mest asked the Chief's opinion concerning adoption of a graffiti ordinance. The Chief advised the committee that he saw no need to enact an ordinance at this time.

**New Business**

Mr. Mest recognized Mr. Gabel who inquired if the 2 hour residential parking provisions of the ordinance are being enforced by the department. Specifically, Mr. Gabel noted that students are parking on North Franklin Street and throwing trash in the street gutter. Chief Leatherman advised that the ordinance is enforced when complaints are received. Department personnel will be advised.

**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 Mrs. Carnes. The next meeting of the Police & Public Safety Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Spaide  
Borough Manager