

**POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
December 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 Mayor Marianne Deery; Council member Keith Endy; Patricia Spaide, Borough Manager, and a concerned citizen.

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2009 meeting of the committee was made by Mr. Mest, seconded by Mr. Maloney, and approved.

**Police Chief's Report**

The Chief was on vacation; therefore, no report was available.

Mr. Mest noted that information concerning the City of Readings DROP Program was provided for review by the committee. The committee members will review the information provided for discussion at a future meeting.

Mayor Deery read a letter that Chief Leatherman wrote to Officer Morgan concerning assistance Officer Morgan provided to a family in need. Mayor Deery will invite Officer Morgan to the December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of Council to recognize him for his actions.

**Unfinished Business**

**Emergency Services Task Force** – The consultant has advised Mrs. Spaide that a draft copy of the report will be delivered to the DCED either this week or early next week. The DCED will review the draft report and return it to the consultant with recommended changes. The consultant will then finalize the report and return it to the DCED who will then forward the report to the municipalities. The consultant indicated that the DCED review of the report should not take too long and 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** – Mrs. Spaide advised the members that Solicitor Hartman now agrees with Mr. Karver that the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for the Boyertown Area Emergency Management Council may be amended by resolution. 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 matter will be addressed at the January 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of Council.

**Graffiti Ordinance** – Mrs. Spaide suggested the committee get the Chief's input on adoption of a Graffiti Ordinance. Mayor Deery will speak with the Chief on this matter.

**New Business**

**9-1-1 Records Agreement** – Mrs. Spaide advised the members that the Berks County Department of Emergency Services has provided the borough with a 9-1-1 Records Agreement. The agreement was necessitated by the Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Law and serves to clarify municipality and County responsibility regarding the retention and release of 9-1-1 records. Mrs. Spaide noted that after December 31, 2009, the County will not release 9-1-1 records to system users who have not executed the 9-1-1 Records Agreement. Mrs. Spaide also noted that the Chief has a copy of the Agreement. This matter will be on the agenda of the December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of Council.

Discussion was held concerning waiving parking meter fees during the holiday season. Mayor Deery will advise the police department that in accordance with the Code of Ordinances she will waive parking meter fees through December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

**Other Comments**

There being no further business to conduct, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 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, December 30, 2009 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Spaide  
Borough Manager