

**POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 24, 2010**

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 Barry Christman; Mayor Marianne Deery; Patricia Spaide, Borough Manager, Police Chief Barry Leatherman, and a concerned citizen.

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2010 meeting of the committee was made by Mrs. Carnes, 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 February.

The Chief sought direction from the committee concerning the cost of police overtime related to the Jaycees Halloween Parade. He noted that in accordance with the parade ordinance the borough does not charge the Jaycees for municipal services related to the parade. The Chief stated that due to the reduction in the police overtime and part-time budgets he is suggesting the borough consider amending the ordinance to charge the Jaycees for municipal police services. The Chief stated that the estimated cost for police services related to the parade is \$1,200 to \$1,300. Following discussion, the committee directed the Chief to meet with the Jaycees to discuss with them a shared cost arrangement for the 2010 parade.

Unfinished Business

Emergency Services Task Force – To date the report from the DCED has not been received; however, it is anticipated that it will be submitted to the Borough shortly.

Octoberfest 2010 – Solicitor Hartman has advised the Borough Manager that Chapter 136, Section 136-14 (A) of the Borough Code stipulates that the consumption of alcohol be limited to within a fenced tent area or within an enclosed tent area. Therefore, Mr. Hartman advises that Borough Council must authorize an amendment to the ordinance in order to allow the consumption of alcohol at the 2010 Octoberfest throughout the Inner Core Parking Lot. It was noted that the event organizers have requested permission to allow patrons to consume alcohol throughout the Inner Core Parking Lot until 4:00 p.m. during the time that craft and farm vendors are participating in the event.

Following discussion, the committee directed that the staff work with the solicitor to prepare an amendment to the ordinance for review at the March meeting of the Police and Public Safety Committee.

New Business

There was no new business to conduct.

Other Comments

Mr. Deery noted that the Regional Police Study Committee will meet on March 4th at 7:00 p.m. at the Colebrookdale Township Municipal Building.

There being no further business to conduct, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. was made by Mr. Mest and seconded by Mr. Maloney. The next meeting of the Police & Public Safety Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, March 31st, 2010 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Spaide
Borough Secretary