

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
June 2, 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 Lori Carnes, Patrick Maloney, and ex-officio member Frank Deery.

Also present were Patricia Spaide, Borough Manager, Police Chief Barry Leatherman, Adrienne Blank and Charles Haddad, Building A Better Boyertown, and a concerned citizen.

A motion to approve the minutes of the April 28th, 2010 meeting of the committee was made by Mr. Mest, seconded by Mrs. Carnes, and approved.

Police Chief's Report

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

The Chief also advised that the 2004 Ford Explorer is now ready to be advertised for sale. This matter will be listed on the agenda of the June 7th meeting of Council.

Unfinished Business

Emergency Services Task Force – Mrs. Spaide informed the members that the DCED consultant met with representatives of the governing bodies and fire companies on May 13th to review and discuss the Fire and Emergency Services Study Report. Mrs. Spaide noted that the Fire Chief's and company presidents will meet to discuss the report and advise the municipalities of the direction in which they would like to proceed.

Octoberfest 2010 – Mrs. Spaide reviewed with the members a resolution authorizing Octoberfest 2010. The resolution will be listed on the agenda of the June 7th meeting of Council.

New Business

Adrienne Blank, Building A Better boyertown Parking Meter Presentation – Ms. Blank and Mr. Haddad reviewed with the members a proposal to remove the single head parking meters within the area of the Main Street Cross Streets Project and replace the meters with multiple station meters. It was noted that this would require painting lines on the street to designate parking spaces and numbering or lettering the spaces to coincide with the parking meters. Following discussion, the committee asked Chief Leatherman to contact PennDot to determine if there are state regulations concerning use of this type of meter. In addition, Ms. Blank will speak with the meter manufacturer to determine if the meters can be programmed to accept different time limits and coins.

Ms. Blank also provided a cost breakdown for purchase of the metering system. The BBB is requesting the borough purchase the meters. The committee members stated that they are not opposed to the proposal. Further discussion will be held on the matter.

County of Berks Department of Emergency Services Run Card Change Authorization Form – Mrs. Spaide reviewed with the members a letter from the Department of Emergency Services regarding who is authorized to change run-cards for the municipality. It was noted that the county is updating their records and is requesting each municipality designate the entity with authority to change run-cards. Mrs. Spaide recommended to the committee that the governing body should be the entity with the authority to authorize a change in the run-cards. Mrs. Spaide noted that this will ensure that the borough will have knowledge of the run-cards and any changes proposed by fire company officials. This matter will be listed on the agenda of the June 7th meeting of Council.

Other Comments

Mr. Mest called for public comment and recognized Mr. Leister who stated he was opposed to the BBB proposal concerning the use of a multiple space parking meter system.

There being no further business to conduct, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 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, June 30th, 2010 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Spaide
Borough Secretary