

Police and Public Safety Committee Meeting
Minutes
June 1, 2022

The meeting of the Police and Public Safety Committee was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Committee Chairman Charles Neubauer. Present in addition to Mr. Neubauer were committee members Charles Heller, Jeff Cascino, and ex-officio member Frank Deery.

Also in attendance were Lori Carnes, Mayor; Patricia Loder, Borough Manager; and interested citizens.

Mr. Neubauer called for public comment; and recognized Mr. Charles Haddad who addressed the committee concerning the topic of elimination of parking on one side of East Philadelphia Avenue. Mr. Haddad shared with the committee results of a recent study he and other members of the group One Boyertown conducted in the Town Center Parking Lot. Mr. Haddad provided the written study results to the committee. The conclusion from the study of the one hour parking zone in the Town Center Parking Lot is that cars are remaining parked within the one hour parking zone well beyond the permitted time limit. Enforcement of the time limit parking is critical to providing adequate off-street parking. One Boyertown believes there is adequate parking available.

Mr. Neubauer made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2022 meeting of the committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cascino and approved.

Police Chiefs Report

Chief Leatherman was unable to attend the meeting. A copy of the May 9th Police Chief's Report was provided to the committee.

Unfinished Business

Part-Time Parking Enforcement Officer – Mrs. Loder advised the committee that she has resumes from several individuals that she is considering and will be scheduling interviews with them for the position. She will advise the committee if she hires someone for the position prior to the next committee meeting.

BAF&R – Discussion False Alarm Ordinance – Mr. Neubauer advised that Mr. Lehmann, President of BAF&R, recommends this be removed from our agenda.

Parking on North & South Sides of E Philadelphia Avenue – A public meeting concerning elimination of parking on one side of East Philadelphia Avenue was held on May 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall of the Friendship Hook and Ladder Fire Company. Mr. Neubauer provided a summary of the comments provided by the public at that meeting. A somewhat lengthy discussion on the subject ensued; however, the committee did not make a recommendation on the matter for Council consideration.

No Parking West Side of South Walnut Street – Solicitor Hartman’s office advertised the ordinance for adoption at the June 6th Council meeting. This matter will be listed on the agenda.

Hot Off the Press, Inc. – No Parking 90 Day Trial Period – The No Parking Signs were installed on March 15th, the 90-day trial period will expire on June 13th. Mrs. Loder advised that Mr. Webb has informed her that the no parking is working well for them. Following discussion, the committee agreed that Mrs. Loder should confirm with the solicitor if the Council should extend the trial period in order to allow time for an ordinance to be drafted.

Resident Request to Make Oley Street One Way – Mrs. Loder reviewed with the Committee a letter provided by Thomas Unger, PE, Systems Design Engineering, Inc. concerning a traffic study of the unnamed service street located in the middle of the 300 block of South Reading Avenue, between 364 and 372 South Reading Avenue. The study recommends that the unnamed service street be designated one-way from South Reading Avenue to the first service street intersection allowing travel from South Reading Avenue onto the unnamed service street and prohibiting exiting from the unnamed service street onto South Reading Avenue. Following discussion, the committee directed Mrs. Loder to prepare an ordinance amendment to designate the service street one-way east bound.

New Business

EBRP Budget Analysis & Financial Projection 2022 – Mrs. Loder provided the committee with the above noted 2022 financial projection prepared by Chief Leatherman and approved by the Regional Police Commission for submission to the governing body. Mrs. Loder advised the committee that questions concerning the analysis can be directed to her, Mr. Deery or Mr. Heller.

Mr. Deery opened dialogue on the subject of upgrading of the five signaled intersections in the Borough. Mr. Deery noted that through an agreement the Borough has with the Delaware County Solid Waste Authority the Authority will pay annually to the Borough the sum of \$75,000 for a period of ten years. In accordance with the agreement the funds are to be used for upgrading the traffic signals. Mr. Deery recommended the Borough begin the process to implement this project. Following discussion, the committee agreed with Mr. Deery’s recommendation. Mrs. Loder will contact TPD, Inc. for a cost proposal.

Public Comments

There being no further business to conduct a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. was made by Mr. Neubauer and seconded by Mr. Heller. The next meeting of the Police and Public Safety Committee will be held on Wednesday, June 29th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder
Borough Secretary