Police and Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes March 1, 2023

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; and Patricia Loder, Borough Manager; Police.

Mr. Neubauer made a motion, second by Mr. Heller, to approve the minutes of the February 1st, 2023 meeting of the committee. The motion was approved.

Police Chiefs Report

Chief Leatherman reviewed with the committee a report on the activities of the department during the month of February.

Unfinished Business

Oktoberfest – September 15, 16 & 17 – Mrs. Loder advised the committee that she is waiting for confirmation from the BaBB on the event times. BaBB is considering making slight modifications to the start time on Saturday and Sunday.

New Business

3 Dog Garage, 704 East Fourth Street – Mrs. Loder advised that Steve Boyer representing 3 Dog Garage contacted her concerning establishing a 50' loading zone on East Fourth Street on the east end of their driveway pad. Mr. Boyer stated that the loading zone would be used for delivery of vehicles to the property. Absent a loading zone the delivery truck would have to block a lane of traffic on East Fourth Street to unload. Mr. Boyer was expected to attend tonight's meeting; however, was not in attendance for reasons unknown. The committee questioned if the loading zone could be established for weekdays and during a specified time. Mrs. Loder will contact Mr. Boyer; further discussion will be held on this matter at the next meeting of the Police Committee.

BMBA Philadelphia Avenue Street Fair 2023 – The committee reviewed a request from the Berks Mont Business Association to hold the annual Philadelphia Avenue Street Fair on Saturday, June 10th with a rain date of Sunday, June 11th. The event will be held on Philadelphia Avenue between Reading Avenue and Monroe Street. Event hours will be 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; street closure will be 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The committee agreed to list this matter on the agenda of the March 6th meeting of Borough Council.

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Public Comments

There being no further business to conduct a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 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, March 29th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder Borough Secretary