

Police and Public Safety Committee Meeting
Minutes
November 1, 2023

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

Also in attendance were Councilman Keith Endy; Lori Carnes, Mayor; and Police Chief Barry Leatherman.

Mr. Neubauer called for public comments on the agenda; no comments were forthcoming.

Mr. Neubauer made a motion, second by Mr. Heller, to approve the minutes of the September 27th, 2023 meeting of the committee. The motion was approved.

Police Chiefs Report

Chief Leatherman reviewed the department activities report for the month of October.

Unfinished Business

Pedestrian Crosswalk Signs – The required Sketch Plan and Letter of Request to install pedestrian crosswalk signs at the following unsignalized intersections; West Philadelphia Avenue and Walnut Street; East Philadelphia Avenue and Franklin Street; North Reading Avenue and 5th Street; and South Reading Avenue and Third Street, was submitted to PennDOT on October 23rd.

Intersection of Seventh Street and North Reading Avenue – A letter to PennDOT requesting PennDOT investigate site visibility concerns at this intersection has not yet been sent.

Salvation Army Food Pantry Distribution – Discussion continued concerning safety concerns on Walker Drive during the Salvation Army's weekly food pantry distribution. Discussion was held concerning prohibiting parking on the north side of Walker Drive near South Reading Avenue. Chief Leatherman advised the committee that he would review the Borough Code to confirm that the parking restriction is not listed in the Code. The Chief noted that on occasion there are provisions in the Code that are not posted in accordance with the Code. Further discussion will be held on this subject at the next meeting of the Police and Public Safety Committee.

New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder
Borough Secretary