

Police and Public Safety Committee Meeting

Minutes

November 2, 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; Councilman Keith Endy; Patricia Loder, Borough Manager; Police Chief Barry Leatherman; and an interested citizen.

Mr. Neubauer made a motion, second by Mr. Heller, to approve the minutes of the September 28th, 2022 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. Chief Leatherman commented that the department is accepting applications for the position of patrolman; written test for the position is scheduled on November 19th and will be given in the Community Room of Borough Hall.

Unfinished Business

Draft Ordinance 04-2022 Time Limit Parking 23 SRA Lot – The committee reviewed the draft ordinance to establish 3 hour time limit parking in the lot. Permit parking will not be available in this lot. Mrs. Loder reminded the committee that a name for the lot is still needed, and that Building a Better Boyertown did not offer any suggestions for naming the lot. Following discussion, it was agreed that the lot would be named “Town Center West”. A motion to authorize the solicitor to advertise Ordinance Number 04-2022 for adoption at the December 5th meeting of Council will be listed on the agenda of the November 7th Council meeting.

New Business

Chillin on Main Event Request December 3rd – The committee reviewed a request from Building a Better Boyertown to hold the Chillin on Main event on Saturday, December 3rd between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The event will be held on Philadelphia Avenue between Reading Avenue and Washington Street. The street closure will be 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Following discussion, the committee agreed to list the event on the agenda of the November 7th meeting of Council for approval.

Management of Parking on Municipal Lot at 23 S Reading Avenue – The committee reviewed a request from Building a Better Boyertown to suspend enforcement of meter parking and time limit parking in the Town Center Parking Lot on November 25th (Black Friday); November 26th (Shop Small Saturday); December 2nd (Holiday House Tour); and December 3rd (Chillin on Main). Following discussion, the committee agreed to list this matter on the agenda of the November 7th meeting of Council for approval.

Public Comments

Mr. Neubauer called for public comment and recognized Mr. Charles Haddad who commented on his observations regarding the condition and apparent business activity at 35 W Sixth Street. The property was the subject of a complaint filed by Mr. Jeff Pale at the September committee meeting. Mr. Neubauer advised Mr. Haddad that a Notice of Violation was sent to the property owner prior to the September committee meeting, and that he has been observing the property and has noted that the property has been cleared of pallets and trailers and now appears to be in compliance. Mr. Neubauer and Mrs. Loder noted that the property will be monitored to ensure that use of the property is in compliance with the zoning ordinance.

There being no further business to conduct a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. was made by Mr. Neubauer and seconded by Mr. Cascino. The next meeting of the Police and Public Safety Committee will be held on Wednesday, November 30th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder
Borough Secretary