

Police and Public Safety Committee Meeting
Minutes
November 29, 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 Jeffrey Cascino and ex-officio member Frank Deery. Committee member Charles Heller was absent.

Also in attendance were Councilman Keith Endy; Lori Carnes, Mayor; Patricia Loder, Borough Manager; Police Chief Barry Leatherman; Jarid Miller and Tom McHugh.

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

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

Police Chiefs Report

Chief Leatherman provided a written report on the recent activities of the department.

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. Nothing new to report.

Intersection of Seventh Street and North Reading Avenue – No response from Penn Dot at this time.

Salvation Army Food Pantry Distribution – Mayor Carnes advised that she has met with Salvation Army personnel regarding the committee's concern about traffic congestion on Walker Drive during the Salvation Army's weekly food pantry distribution. No specific resolution has been determined at this time.

New Business

Resolution Hazard Mitigation Plan Update – Mrs. Loder reviewed with the committee a resolution to adopt an updated Hazard Mitigation Plan. The update of the plan was initiated by the Berks County Commissioners on behalf of all the municipalities in the County. Each municipality must now adopt the plan, which in doing so will allow the municipality to be eligible for disaster mitigation grant funds. Adoption of the resolution will be listed on the agenda of the December 4th meeting of Council.

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There being no further business to conduct a motion to adjourn the meeting 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, December 27th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder
Borough Secretary