

Police and Public Safety Committee Meeting
Minutes
February 24, 2021

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

Also in attendance were Councilman Keith Endy; Marianne Deery, Mayor; Police Chief Barry Leatherman; Patricia Loder, Borough Manager; and Jillian Magee, MainStreet Manager.

Mr. Mest made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2021 meeting of the committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heller and approved.

Police Chiefs Report

Chief Leatherman updated the committee regarding the Regional Police Commissions consideration of the purchase of cameras for the patrol vehicles. The Chief noted that the cost per vehicle is \$6,000 and the cameras have a 5-year life expectancy. An on premise server is also needed for the wireless transfer of data at a cost of \$4,000. The Chief noted that the Commission believes it is possible that grant funding may become available for this type of purchase. They also note that this purchase could be included in the purchase of a new patrol car. The Commission will consider this purchase during preparation of the 2022 budget.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to conduct.

New Business

Memorial Day Parade Permit – Mrs. Loder informed the committee that she has received a parade permit application from the American Legion for the annual Memorial Day Parade and asked the committee if they object to issuance of the permit. Following a lengthy discussion, the committee agreed that Mrs. Loder should issue the permit.

Public Comments

Ms. Magee reviewed with the committee a letter of request to hold the annual Coming Out of Hibernation event on Saturday, April 17th between the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The event requires the closure of East Philadelphia Avenue from Reading Avenue to Washington Street. Ms. Magee requests the street closure to begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. Discussion was held on the request and the committee advised Ms. Magee that the closure of East Philadelphia Avenue should be one hour prior to the event start time and one hour following the close of the event.

Following all discussion, the committee asked Ms. Magee to redraft the letter of request to revise the street closure to 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and submit the letter to the Borough Manager for consideration by Borough Council on Monday, March 1st.

Mrs. Loder advised the committee that Fire Chief Shainline has resigned his position effective immediately. Deputy Fire Chief Lloyd Wary will serve as Chief in the interim pending a recommendation from the membership to the Board of Directors of the appointment of a new Chief. In accordance with the BAF&R By-Laws the appointment of a new Chief must take place within 30 days.

There being no further business to conduct a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. was made by Mr. Mest and seconded by Mrs. Carnes. The next meeting of the Police and Public Safety Committee will be held on Wednesday, March 31st, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder
Borough Secretary