

**Police and Public Safety Committee Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**July 27, 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; Patricia Loder, Borough Manager; Police Chief Barry Leatherman; Tom Walter, Traffic Planning & Design, Inc.; and interested citizens.

Mr. Neubauer called for public comment; no comments were forthcoming.

Mr. Neubauer made a motion, second by Mr. Heller, to approve the minutes of the June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting of the committee. The motion was approved.

**Police Chiefs Report**

Chief Leatherman advised the committee that department's new truck is being outfitted for duty and will be put in service in the near future. The Chief also advised that the Police Commission has authorized the sale of the 2013 Dodge Truck on Municibid.

**Unfinished Business**

**Hot Off the Press, Inc. – No Parking 90 Day Trial Period** – Ordinance Number 03-2022 prohibiting parking on the north side of East Fifth Street for a distance of thirty feet from Poplar Alley has been advertised for adoption at the August 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of Council.

**Resident Request to Make Oley Street One Way** – Ordinance Number 03-2022 designating the unnamed service street in the middle of the 300 block of South Reading Avenue between 364 and 372 South Reading Avenue one-way from South Reading Avenue to the first service street intersection allowing travel from South Reading Avenue onto the unnamed service street and prohibiting exiting from the service street onto South Reading Avenue has been advertised for adoption at the August 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of Council.

**Traffic Signal Improvement Project** – A copy of TPD, Inc.'s Traffic Signal Assessment Report, which was completed in July 2020, was previously provided to all members of the committee and council. TPD, Inc. updated the cost estimate to upgrade the Borough's five signaled intersections. The total project cost in 2020 was \$1,333,130; the 2022 projected cost is \$1,749,515. The Road Impact Funding Agreement between the Borough and Delaware County Solid Waste Authority provides for an annual payment to the Borough of \$75,000 for a period of ten years to be used exclusively for the purpose of traffic signal upgrades on Philadelphia Avenue. Mr. Tom Walter, of TPD, Inc., noted that the increase cost is largely due to the cost of steel. Mr. Walter provided the committee with information on two DCED grant programs,

Green Light Go Program, and PennDOT Automated Red Light Enforcement Program. The ARLE program typically has a June 1 through July 1 application period. The GLG program typically has an October 1 through January 1 application period. The GLG program is funded annually in the amount of \$40,000,000. The program was established by the state legislature to assist local governments with financing improvements of signaled intersections. Funding for the ARLE program is provided through fines received from red light traffic violations.

Mr. Walter recommended the Borough apply for funding through the GLG program for improvements to the intersections at Chestnut and Washington Streets. The GLG program has a 20% match, the DCSWA's annual payments would be used as the match. Following a somewhat lengthy discussion, the committee agreed this was a good plan. Mr. Walter noted that 2022 GLG grant award announcements will be made in December 2023.

### **New Business**

**Rotary Club 5K Run – Jeremy Rolston** – Mr. Rolston was recognized and provided the committee with a request to use the Boyertown Community Park and surrounding roads to hold the club's annual Fall Frolic 5K Run. The event will begin and end at the Community Park and will go through the Borough as well as Douglass and Colebrookdale Townships. Mr. Rolston noted that the route is unchanged from previous years. This is a "share the road" event, and the event participation form includes this information. Following discussion, the committee agreed to recommend Borough Council approve a Park Use Agreement and authorize the 5K Run conditioned upon approval of the 5K Run by Douglass and Colebrookdale Townships and receipt of a certificate of liability insurance naming the Borough of Boyertown additional insured.

### **Public Comments**

Mr. Neubauer called for public comment; no comments were forthcoming.

There being no further business to conduct a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 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, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder  
Borough Secretary