

**Public Safety Committee Meeting
New Britain Borough
Minutes – March 25, 2015**

The monthly meeting of the New Britain Borough Public Safety Committee was called to order at 7:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson Robyne Kelemen. In addition to Ms. Kelemen, the following Committee members were present: Ms. Jo Schuler, Mr. David Siegfried, Mr. Matthew Bencoter, Jeff Gilmore and Ms. Janice Kimenhour. Also present was Lieutenant Patrick Penecale.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Dave Siegfried made a motion to approve the minutes of February 26, 2015; seconded by Mr. Jeff Gilmore. Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

POLICE UPDATE: Lieutenant Patrick Penecale provided statistics pursuant to the traffic issues being contended with on Sioux Road. The statistics indicated and increased police presence and enforcement activity, progressively, since October of 2014. Members of the committee expressed that these measures have effectively dealt with the problem. It was indicated that complaints have decreased since the measures have been put into place.

OPEN ITEMS:

Traffic Studies/Areas of Concern – Traffic engineer Jeff Lamoreaux, regarding the previously reported traffic issues at Butler Avenue, Tamanend Avenue and Keely Avenue, reports that he has made contact with Nepal Patel at Penndot. He has recommended that, relative to Keely Avenue being blocked by westbound traffic on Butler Avenue, that the “Do Not Block Intersection” sign that is posted in advance of the intersection, be moved closer to the intersection. It is felt that this would make motorists more mindful of the intersection and would encourage them to leave appropriate access/egress while traffic is stopped at the light at Tamanend Avenue. This would require Penndot approval. The committee discussions, regarding the Keely offered additional suggestions. That it may be prudent to paint the roadway a different color in front of the intersection to make motorists take note of it. However, this was offered as a potential option and no decision was made or offered at this time.

Additionally, as it pertains to northbound traffic on Tamanend Avenue attempting to turn right (east) onto Butler Avenue, two suggestions were made. One is to move the pole on the southeast corner of the intersection and, second, to move the stop lines back on Butler Avenue on the east side of the signal. This would increase visibility and allow more room for the turns respectively.

A motions was made by Ms. Robyne Kelemen to proceed with the suggestions made by Nepal Patel. The motion was seconded by Mr. Janice Kimenhour. The motion passed unanimously.

Emergency Management – The committee would like to schedule a meeting with the emergency management manager, Dan Jenkins. They would like to push this meeting back to May. The committee will contact Robyne Trymbiski, at New Britain Borough, to set this up.

Goals – The committee would like to focus, this year, on better community information sharing. They would like to incorporate the use of the Borough web-site more efficiently. Part of this would putting a link onto the Central Bucks Regional Police Department web-site as well as connecting to the Borough facebook page, etc.

A second proposal was that the committee should continue to focus on any other traffic issues that may present themselves in the coming year.

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NEW ITEMS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Penecale III
Police Lieutenant