

**Public Safety Committee Meeting
New Britain Borough
Minutes – July 22, 2015**

The monthly meeting of the New Britain Borough Public Safety Committee was called to order at 7:20 PM by Chairman Robyne Kelemen. In addition to Ms. Kelemen, the following were present: Mr. David Holewinski, Mr. Dan Jenkins, Ms. Jo Schuler, Mr. Mark Benscoter, Mr. David Siegfried, and Lt. Pat Penecale.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ms. Jo Schuler made a motion to approve the minutes of March 25, 2015; seconded by Ms. Robyne Kelemen. Motion approved.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Mr. Dan Jenkins, Emergency Management Coordinator led the discussion on what may be needed during an emergency and post-emergency situations. He is on-call/as needed basis. He will handle other emergency issues as well. He will send a link to P.E.M.A. for documents which summarize roles and responsibilities of local government in emergencies.

Police, fire and EMS will handle their respective duties. When the emergency outgrows these resources, emergency services will assist. They facilitate getting equipment and assistance, etc., to those places in which it is needed. Much was learned from hurricane Sandy. Public information is critical.

Emergency Management recommends generators for Borough buildings and traffic signals – with traffic signals being a priority. Mr. Jenkins indicated that he keeps place and contact lists updated. He indicated that a public information officer is needed. This individual should make sure that information gets out to the public. This should be coordinated information. New “Everbridge” software is available through the County. You can sign up to include information from the Borough as well.

Some of the technology for this is not entirely ready. When available the link will be included in the newsletter. There is a need to consolidate information and coordinate who sends it for continuity and accuracy. Mr. Jenkins indicated that he can do a debriefing post-incident.

OPEN ITEMS: Mr. Mark Hintenlang has been doing some improvements in the Borough. Mr. Jeff Lamoreaux is proposing an additional sign to prevent blocking Keeley Avenue at E. Butler Avenue.

Regarding Sand and Butler Avenue, there are concerns about people getting out from Sand Road as the light is reported to not stay green long enough. The lights will likely need to be adjusted. Penn Dot is working on it and the improvement should be evident.

Butler Avenue traffic Studies will be available for the next meeting.

ACHIEVEMENTS: There has been improved communications at Borough Council, Mr. Hintenlang and Ms. Robin Trymbiski regularly, including the newsletter. Additionally, the problems on Sioux Avenue appear to have leveled off.

NEW BUSINESS: Ms. Schuler will try to get links on the website and have forms available for requests. Mr. Seigfried suggested meeting every quarter of the year. The panel will monitor the situation and see how things look and adjust accordingly.

There will be no meeting in August or September of 2015.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Penecale
Lieutenant