

Public Safety Committee Meeting

New Britain Borough

Minutes of Meeting January 25, 2017

Committee organization:

- Chair - Robyne Kelemen
- Secretary - Lori Kesilman
- CBRC Representative - Captain Knott and
- Appointment Advisory Committee liaison - Jo Schuler

Minutes for January:

The monthly meeting of the New Britain Borough Public Safety Committee was called to order at 7:08 PM by Chairperson Robyne Kelemen. In addition to Ms. Kelemen, the following members were present: Matt Bencoter, Ms. Jo Schuler, Ms. Lori Kesilman, Chief Donnelly and Captain Knott. Also attending this month were Borough Manager Sam Bryant, and a number of residents interested in discussing item IV.e., the Pine Run school pick up concerns.

I. Approval of Minutes from October 26:

A. Matt Bencoter made a motion to approve the minutes of October 26, 2016; seconded by Jo Schuler. Motion approved.

II. Reorganization of Public Safety Committee for 2017:

. Vacancy - David Gallant applying. Committee voted in favor of recommending David Gallant to Council to be considered for membership on this committee.

III. Public Comment on agenda items

. none

IV. Open Items

. Police Updates - none today

A. Butler Route 202 Business speed limit

1. Sam made request to PennDOT for lower limit of 35 MPH, as had been recommended by this committee. PennDOT rejected the request. We can apply again in a year.

B. Matthews Barricade - no news at this point due to litigation

1. It was opened by Mark Hintenlang last week due to train crossing work.

C. Streetlights

1. Sam, Lori, and Matt shared progress. More to come at the next meeting.

D. Pine Run Pickup concern

1. Sam mentioned concerns made to the borough through email, as well as Central Bucks School District emails regarding parking and parent pickup.
2. Concerns:

a. Chief Donnelly

1. spoke about the high police demand at the time that school is let out
2. spoke about crossing guard (must be trained - police or fire police)

b. Resident - Danielle Dous -

1. pickup concern (speed during gaps) not having time to turn onto 202
2. kids are deemed "walkers" and are not permitted to ride a bus
3. would have liked a chance to compromise with the church
4. worried about line backup on 202

c. Resident - John Cardon - there is a crosswalk painted on Ute Road, but traffic does not stop

1. Chief said they will get a "yield" sign
2. Police will get an officer to go to Pine Run and discuss sign safety with kids

- d. Resident - Sarah Debelle-Bell
1. There was a police officer acting as a traffic cop when NBB had their own police
- e. Discussion
1. Look into crossing guard process. School district to police - police to PennDot
 2. Lori will set-up meeting with church, council, police, parents and district. Terry Kifolo and Ira Gartenberg will be a part of the meeting
 3. Chief Donnelly indicated that parents may wait on Ute as an interim measure until further resolution of this issue. He will make officers aware of the situation.

New Business:

1. **Trail to train station** - planned to start construction in the spring

Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned at 9:19 PM.
- Next meeting April 26, 2017

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Kesilman