

Minutes of New Britain Borough Public Safety Committee

July 26, 2017

Borough Conference Room

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Committee attendees were Dave Gallant, Robyne Kelemen, Janice Kimenhour, Jo Schuler, and Police attendee Captain Karl Knott. Also attending were Borough Manager Sam Bryant, and Bill Luckenbill of the Chalfont Fire Company.

A motion for approval of minutes of the January meeting was made by Jo Schuler, seconded by Dave Gallant, and approved with a minor change, a correction to the spelling of Mr. Gallant's name. There were no minutes from April as that meeting was cancelled. There was no public comment on open items.

Agenda items: A representative of Chalfont Fire Co., Bill Luckenbill, talked about community outreach and education at the Fire Co. They welcome initiatives between our Borough/Committee and the Fire Co. in these areas.

Open items:

Police Update: A quarterly update was received from the Central Bucks Regional Police representative on traffic accidents, patrols, stops, and citations in the Borough during the past month, and the first half of the year. In June there were 9 speeding citations, and 25 warnings. There have been 242 stops in the first half of the year. In response to previous Committee request, speed details were conducted on Lamppost. A total of 82 traffic details were conducted in the month of June, and there were 532 speed details in the first half of the year. Captain Knott also reported that 4 pedestrian crossing yield signs are available for the Borough and one is planned to be used on Ute Road. Auto accidents: 2 reportable accidents in June and 2 nonreportable.. For the first six months, 10 reportable, and 18 nonreportable.

Regarding the Mathews barricade, court date(s) are expected in August.

Borough purchase of streetlights: The committee reviewed the presentation that was part of the May 9 Council meeting on the Borough Streetlight Review project and discussed next steps expected on this initiative. It was noted that the Subcommittee looking into the Streetlight changes consists of Mark Hintenlang, Lori Kesilman, and Matt Benscoter, and Richard Moxey is also providing input. Sam Bryant noted that if all the lights were to go to LEDs, the cost would be about \$60,000. The next steps are to map out what the lights would look like if the recommendations of the subcommittee are followed. The Multi-Modal grant application if successful should cover about 70% of the costs of lights and streetscape improvements.

Pine Run School resolution of parking issue: No continuing issues have been noted. There is a crossing line painted on Ute. Police are not continuing to sit at this location.

New business

Tamenend/Almshouse trail construction status and plans: The Borough is planning to have the trees at the Baptist church taken out this summer. When the trail is complete, we expect to have the lights at Butler and Tamenend indicate when pedestrians can cross. Mr. Bryant indicated he will inquire about continuing the speed limit of 35 through to Upper State.

Covered bridge traffic discussion: Mr. Bryant indicated he will see if Matt Benscoter has some suggestions. There was general discussion about bridge traffic and volume. We should look into a traffic engineer review and consider future traffic improvement as the number of vehicles using the bridge grows with new development.

Pueblo at Cherokee stop sign: There will be striping after road work, and this location is on the list for Police enforcement.

Open public comment (other new items)

Mr. Bryant noted that a grant application covering sidewalk and trail on Keeley and Butler has been submitted and we should hear more near end of the year.

Dave Gallant motioned for adjournment, and the motion was seconded by Jo Schuler. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.