

**Public Safety Committee Meeting
New Britain Borough
Minutes
July 14, 2014**

The first meeting of the New Britain Borough Public Safety Committee was called to order at 7:00 PM by New Britain Borough Council President, Mr. Jeff Gilmore. The following were present: Ms. Robyne Kelemen, Ms. Jo Schuler, Ms. Charla Bendas, and Chief James Donnelly. Mr. David Seigfried and Mr. Bill Schaefer were not present.

New Business:

Nominations and Elections - Ms. Kelemen was nominated and elected as Chairperson. Chief Donnelly was nominated and elected Secretary.

Duties and Responsibilities - A discussion of the Committee duties and responsibilities was held. Ms. Kelemen suggested that a sub-committee be formed including herself, Ms. Schuler and Chief Donnelly, to develop a written outline of the duties for the next meeting.

Traffic Calming - A discussion was held on traffic calming and locations that would benefit from traffic studies. The following locations were discussed for sight distance problems: Matthews Avenue and S. Tamenend (new stop lines needed to be painted); Aaron Avenue and S. Tamenend (vegetation removal); Heritage and Butler Avenue (vegetation removal); Keeley Avenue and Tamenend at Butler Avenue (left turns, needs an engineer review and PennDot approval); Shady Retreat and Butler Avenue (intersection improvement, not until redevelopment).

Attendance - Attendance by Committee members was discussed, no action taken on this matter.

Notification to Residents - Notifying residents about the Public Safety Committee and the need for the Committee to hear complaints was discussed. Different options included: article in the Fall newsletter, e-mail blast to residents, web page, Facebook/Twitter accounts.

Next Meeting - A discussion for setting up the next meeting was held. It was proposed that an e-mail with dates be sent out. Members would coordinate the dates that they are available and a date would then be set. This will be handled by Chief Donnelly's office.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

James Donnelly
Chief of Police

