

Public Safety Committee Meeting

New Britain Borough

Minutes for January 27, 2016

The monthly meeting of the New Britain Borough Public Safety Committee was called to order at 7:08 PM by Chairman Robyne Kelemen. In addition to Ms. Kelemen, the following were present: Ms. Jo Schuler, Ms. Lori Kesilman, Mr. David Siegfried, and Lt. Pat Penecale. Manager Sam Bryant attended as a guest.

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Kelemen made a motion to approve the minutes of March 25, 2015; seconded by Ms. Schuler. Motion approved.

Reorganization of Public Safety Committee for 2016

- New member - introduced Lori Kesilman
- The group agreed to keep the meetings on the 4th Wednesdays at 7:00, and to continue the schedule of meeting quarterly (January, April, July, October) unless there is a special need.
- There was a discussion about who would be the chair. Motions was made to table. We would like to decide about this at the next meeting when we have all members in attendance.
- Secretary - Lori Kesilman
- Appointment Advisory Committee liaison - Jo Schuler (motion by Kelemen, seconded by Kesilman - motion passed)

Police Report

Traffic Studies - updates in last quarter (Lieut. Penecale)

- N/S Tamenend Avenue Speeds and car count
 - 72 N Tamenend Ave - 85% speed is 29 mph
 - 126 N Tamenend Ave - 85% speed is 24 mph
 - S Tamenend Ave at Woodland - 85% speed is 38 mph
 - 32N Tamenend - 85% speed is 27 mph
- Tickets -
 - Citations 190 (2015 year)
 - Warnings 665 (2015 year)
- Lori Kesilman raised the concern about speed and poor visibility on N Tamenend Ave around the curve due to children at play. Lieutenant Penecale will look into this concern.
- Robyne asked the Lieutenant to bring more info about the increased accidents (2015 over previous years) to the next meeting. He said that accidents are up as a whole, but they do not have any specific reason they can point to. He will bring some specifics to the next meeting.

CBRPD proposed merger with Chalfont Borough Police - brief status

- Target date for starting is March 28 - barring any other setbacks

Butler Avenue

- **Business Route 202 signage coming - Sam reported.** Sam has not heard any info about the impacts expected of this. The hope is that this will bring business back. We are wondering about how this affects traffic. We will look at traffic studies after the signage is in place
- **Sam reported that the Iron Hill light is sometimes malfunctioning and going back to its default time settings rather than its custom programmed times.** Mark and Sam are working on it. We are currently not sure why.
- **Discussion of Safe Routes to School sidewalks and speed.**
 - Bids are being advertised. Deadline is March 1.
 - When school gets out the work will be done, in hopes that it will be completed before school starts in the fall.
 - Robyne raised that we may want to look at possibly decreasing speed limits as these paths go in due to more people near the roads (when sidewalk use begins/increases). It was noted that Chalfont has 35 mph and New Britain Borough has 40 mph in these stretches. We should evaluate as the sidewalks go in

to see if there is a need to recommend speed reduction. Sam will call PennDot to see if there are any protocols or regulations that would apply.

Upcoming CPR/AED training - Robyne let others know that they are able to get the training at cost. The date is not yet scheduled but expected to be in March and will be announced soon.

Any new business

- It was noted that the clearing of roads after the recent large snowfall was generally good. Large piles of snow at several corners affecting visibility when pulling into traffic were noted. There was discussion about turning onto Tamenend Ave from Aarons and Matthews. Lenape Drive at Butler was also mentioned.

Adjournment:

- Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Kesilman