

**Public Safety Committee Meeting
New Britain Borough
Minutes – February 26, 2015**

The monthly meeting of the New Britain Borough Public Safety Committee was called to order at 7:10 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson Robyne Kelemen. In addition to Ms. Kelemen, the following Committee members were present: Ms. Jo Schuler, Mr. David Siegfried, Mr. Matthew Bencoter, and Ms. Janice Kimenhour. Also present were Chief James Donnelly, and residents Mr. Dick Moxey and Ms. Lorraine Moxey. Mr. Jeff Gilmore and Mr. William Schaefer were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ms. Jo Schuler made a motion to approve the minutes of December 5, 2014; seconded by Ms. Robyne Kelemen. Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: Mr. Dick Moxey commented on the concern of traffic going north on Tamenend, especially at rush hour in the morning. Speed is an issue between Lenape and Francis Meyer Road and Tamenend. The idea of striping Lenape was introduced as a possible solution.

REORGANIZATION OF COMMITTEE: The following members will form the Public Safety Committee for 2015: Ms. Robyne Kelemen, Mr. Jeffrey Gilmore, Ms. Jo Schuler, Mr. David Siegfried, Mr. William Schaefer, Mr. Matthew Bencoter, and Ms. Janice Kimenhour. Ms. Kelemen reviewed the duties of the Committee. Mr. Mark Hintenlang will attend meetings depending on the topic. A police representative's attendance is essential, however, Chief Donnelly nor Lt. Pat Penecale are voting members of the Committee.

Ms. Kelemen discussed the various responsibilities of members. Ms. Kelemen will prepare the agenda for meetings based on input from other members and residents. When necessary, members will be asked to help contact and coordinate for appropriate guest speakers. There is also a need to see that information is posted to the website. When necessary, a member may be asked to act as Chairperson in Ms. Kelemen's absence due to her travel schedule. Mr. Siegfried volunteered to assist with these duties and Ms. Schuler indicated she would also be available if Mr. Siegfried was unavailable.

POLICE UPDATE: Chief James Donnelly gave a report on the school bus accident at Butler Avenue and the railroad crossing.

OPEN ITEMS:

Traffic Studies/Areas of Concern – Chief Donnelly reported Butler Avenue traffic studies have been completed. Chief Donnelly has requested the traffic studies be completed for North and South Tamenend Avenue. The Committee has requested a traffic study be conducted on Lenape from Butler Avenue to Sioux Road. Ms. Kelemen stated she noticed the traffic markings on the ground have faded and are hard to see. The Engineer and PennDOT will be notified. There is an old telephone pole on Tamenend Avenue at Butler Avenue that needs to be removed. The final timing and signalization plan for Butler Avenue at Sand Road will be addresses by the Traffic Engineer. A discussion was held regarding the crossing road markings for Butler Avenue and Tamenend Avenue pedestrians. It was announced that "No Parking" signs have been installed on Butler Avenue at Children of America. Matthews Avenue has been removed from Google Maps. The Chairperson has requested the Committee to give some thoughts regarding design ideas for the barricade on Matthews Avenue.

NEW BUSINESS:

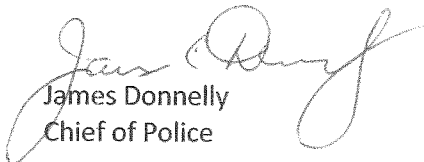
Goals - Committee members were asked to bring suggestions for intersection traffic calming ideas. The Committee requested a report of citations and warning for Sioux for next month's meeting.

Routine Meeting Date/Time – There was discussion regarding an appropriate night to hold Public Safety meetings that would accommodate all members. A tentative meeting date has been scheduled for the fourth Wednesday of each month starting with 3/25/15 at 7:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NEW ITEMS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


James Donnelly
Chief of Police