

**Public Safety Committee Meeting  
New Britain Borough  
Minutes – October 1, 2014**

The monthly meeting the New Britain Borough Public Safety Committee was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairperson Robyne Kelemen. The following were present: Mr. Jeff Gilmore, Ms. Jo Schuler, Mr. Bill Schaefer, Mr. Dick Moxey, Ms. Lorraine Moxey, Ms. Donna Fisher, Mr. Doug Fisher, Lt. Pat Penecale and Chief James Donnelly.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Mr. Jeff Gilmore to approve the meeting minutes of August 21, 2014 as written. Motion approved.

**Old Business:**

**Proposed Statement or Charter** – Ms. Kelemen requested the charter be tabled until next month's meeting. Mr. Dan Jenkins, the Emergency Management Coordinator for New Britain Borough, will be present and his input is required.

**Traffic Studies/Areas of Concern** – Chief Donnelly presented a slide show of maps which included: burglaries for the last five years; reportable accidents and locations for the last five years; and, traffic study data for several locations along E. Butler Avenue. The traffic study data allows the Police Department to direct the enforcement of violations where they are most prevalent, making the enforcement effort much more effective and efficient.

A discussion was held regarding the intersection of Tamenend and Butler Avenue. There were concerns of a damaged pole which impacted trucks making right turns from Tamenend onto eastbound Butler Avenue.

In addition, there were concerns of left turns onto Tamenend Avenue from westbound Butler Avenue. There are times during the day where traffic on westbound Butler Avenue is backed up. This causes the intersection of Keeley Avenue and Butler Avenue to be blocked. It was suggested that perhaps the timing of the traffic signal could be adjusted to relieve this back up.

**Emergency Management Information** - Mr. Jenkins will attend the next meeting for this discussion.

**Public Safety Committee Public Relations** – A discussion of the newsletter and photos was held. Members are encouraged to promote the Committee.

**New Business:**

**Meadow and Nature Preserve** – A discussion was held regarding the meadow and Nature Preserve parking on Landis Mill Road. The result was to forward this request to the Nature Preserve Committee, as it would require the expenditures of funds.

**New Meeting Date/Time** – As some members of the Committee cannot make the meeting on the first Wednesday of the month, a discussion of a change in day was held. It was determined that the alternative days were not appropriate for other members of the Committee. The Committee decided to keep the first Wednesday at 7:00 PM until the January 2015 meeting at which time the topic of changing days will be discussed.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made to adjourn at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Chief James Donnelly