

**Public Safety Committee Meeting  
New Britain Borough  
Minutes - August 21, 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, Ms. Charla Bendas, Lt. Pat Penecale and Chief James Donnelly.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Mr. Jeff Gilmore to approve the meeting minutes of July 14, 2014 as written; seconded by Mr. Bill Schaefer. Motion approved.

**New Business:**

**Public Safety Committee Statement** – The Committee is considered a draft of Public Safety Statement. Ms. Kelemen will present the statement to Borough Council for their consideration.

**Committee Members** – Committee members discussed additional members including representatives from the Fire Company, EMS and Emergency Management office. The Committee decided to leave the Committee at seven members with two being Council Members.

**Borough Response to At-Risk Residents** – Committee members discussed the Borough’s response to “at risk” residents during emergencies (i.e. floods, snow storms, Police, Fire, EMS, Emergency Management – both County and Borough). Chief Donnelly will look into response times and speak with Doylestown Borough’s Emergency Manager then report back to the Committee.

**Traffic Project** – The Committee decided the initial project would be traffic. Chief Donnelly is currently working on obtaining traffic statistics for East and West Butler Avenue including speed and volume studies. There is a continuing effort on site distances and vegetation removal. The traffic studies should include the effect the train has on traffic in the Borough.

**Goals –**

1. Ms. Bendas to develop photos for the website
2. Chief Donnelly to prepare an article on Public Safety Committee for the Borough newsletter
3. Chief Donnelly to present traffic studies/crime mapping presentation to the Committee
4. Chief Donnelly to prepare report on response times (present vs historical). The Chief explained that this may take some time to develop, as it contains a lot of information to decipher and will work on it.

**Budget** – A discussion was held regarding a budget for this Committee. It was decided that no budget for the Committee was necessary. All requests for projects that the Committee recommends must be approved by Borough Council and funded by them.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made to adjourn at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Chief James Donnelly