

Police and Public Safety Committee Meeting
Minutes
October 28, 2020

The meeting of the Police and Public Safety Committee was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Committee Chairman Terry Mest. Present in addition to Mr. Mest were committee members Lori Carnes, and ex-officio member Frank Deery. Committee member Charles Heller was absent.

Also in attendance were Marianne Deery, Mayor; Councilman Keith Endy, Police Chief Barry Leatherman; and Patricia Loder, Borough Manager.

Mr. Mest made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 30, 2020 meeting of the committee. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Carnes and approved by the members present.

Police Chiefs Report

Chief Leatherman reviewed the department activities report with the committee. Chief Leatherman also submitted to the Committee two handicap parking requests; 29 South Jefferson Street and 31 South Jefferson Street. The handicap parking requests will be listed on the Council agenda for approval.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to conduct.

New Business

Iezzi's on Third Street Closure Request- Iezzi's on Third discussed with the Chief a request to close Third Street from South Reading Avenue to Walnut Street on November 14th, 2020 for a fall festival/street fair. A representative of the business was expected to attend this evenings meeting to answer questions and provide additional information. The Committee has numerous questions. Mr. Deery will inform the requestor that they should attend the November 2nd meeting of Borough Council.

Discussion was held concerning release to the public of arrests made in the community. It was noted that arrest docket information can be obtained on-line.

Discussion was held on car and/or body cameras. Pros and cons were discussed and the committee agreed that this is a subject that the Chief should bring before the Regional Police Commission for consideration. Mrs. Loder also stated that she will provide the committee and members of council with the minutes of the Regional Police Commission to keep them informed of the business being transacted by the Commission.

Public Comments

There being no further business to conduct a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. was made by Mr. Mest and seconded by Mrs. Carnes. The next meeting of the Police and Public Safety Committee will be held on Wednesday, December 2nd, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder
Borough Secretary