

**Police and Public Safety Committee Meeting
Minutes
December 28, 2016**

The meeting of the Police and Public Safety Committee was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Chairman Terry Mest. Committee members present in addition to Mr. Mest were Charles Heller, Lori Carnes, and ex-officio member Frank Deery.

Also in attendance were Council members Keith Endy, Barry Christman and Gene Gabel; Marianne Deery, Mayor; Police Chief Barry Leatherman; and Patricia Loder, Borough Manager.

Mr. Mest made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 30, 2016 meeting of the committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heller and approved by the members.

Police Chiefs Report

Chief Leatherman briefly reviewed with the committee a report on department activities and upcoming events. The Chief advised the committee of a handicap parking request from the resident of 432 East Philadelphia Avenue. The Chief noted that the requestor meets the criteria for a handicap parking space, and this matter will be listed on the agenda of the agenda of the January 3, 2017 meeting of Council.

Unfinished Business

2-Hour Residential Parking 90-Trial Period – Expires 02/07/17 – The Chief and Mrs. Loder advised the committee that the trial period is going well and that it appears that students are continuing to park their vehicles at the community park. Mrs. Loder advised the committee that Council should authorize the solicitor to amend the Residential Parking Permit Ordinance at the January 3, 2017 meeting of Council. No objections were raised; this matter will be listed on the Council agenda.

New Business

Mr. Deery advised the members that he and Mrs. Loder met with a representative of the Animal Rescue League of Berks County and a representative of No Nonsense Neutering. Discussion focused on whether the borough would consider entering into an agreement with No Nonsense Neutering which would allow Borough residents to trap stray/feral cats and take them to No Nonsense Neutering to be spayed/neutered, treated for any medical issues, and then picked up by the resident to be released back into the community where they were living. The organization charges a fee of \$35.00 for the service; under the terms of the agreement the municipality may agree to pay the cost for the service up to a specific annual dollar amount, share the cost with the resident, or require the resident to pay the cost. Mrs. Loder stated that she requested No Nonsense Neutering provide her with a copy of the agreement; however, she has not yet received it. No further discussion was held on this subject.

Public Comments

There being no further business to conduct a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. was made by Mr. Mest and seconded by Mr. Heller. The next meeting of the Police and Public Safety Committee will be held on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder
Borough Secretary