

Police and Public Safety Committee Meeting
Minutes
February 1, 2017

The meeting of the Police and Public Safety Committee was called to order at 7:00 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 member Barry Christman; Marianne Deery, Mayor; Police Chief Barry Leatherman; Patricia Loder, Borough Manager; Alley Steffy, Adrienne Blank and John Lea, Building a Better Boyertown, and an interested citizen.

Mr. Mest made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 28, 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 reviewed two event requests from the BBB concerning Oktoberfest and Coming out of Hibernation. Both events will be listed on the agenda of the February 6th meeting of Council for authorization to proceed.

Mayor Deery briefly commented on the legalization of medical marijuana in the state of Pennsylvania; specifically inquiring if the Borough should consider enacting zoning regulations pertaining to the distribution of medical marijuana. It was determined that although medical marijuana has been authorized for use through legislation the state has not yet established rules and regulations for growing or distribution of medical marijuana. It would be premature to enact zoning regulations pertaining to the use at this time.

Unfinished Business

2-Hour Residential Parking 90-Trial Period – Expires 02/07/17 – Mrs. Loder advised the committee that a copy of Ordinance Number 01-2017 is attached to the agenda and has been advertised for adoption at the February 6th, 2017 meeting of Council. This ordinance will amend Chapter 131 of the Code of the Borough of Boyertown by adding additional streets to the residential parking permit area.

New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

Public Comments

Chairman Mest called for public comment and recognized Ms. Rebecca Wyatt, a resident of West Sixth Street, who expressed to the committee concerns regarding vehicle operators failing to stop at the stop signs at the intersection of 6th and Walnut Streets, and the speed at which many vehicles are traveling. Ms. Wyatt stated that she has advised the Police Department and they have monitored the intersection; however, the problem persists.

Discussion was held on painting stop blocks at the intersection and possibly installing “stop ahead” signs. The Chief will investigate the regulation pertaining to use of “stop ahead”

signs and Mrs. Loder will talk to Mr. Hansley, the Street Department Supervisor, about painting stop blocks at the intersection. Mrs. Loder noted that painting stop blocks would likely have to wait until spring when the temperature is more moderate.

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 Mrs. Carnes. The next meeting of the Police and Public Safety Committee will be held on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder
Borough Secretary