

**Public Safety Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, December 4, 2024 6:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Joe Frederick, Larry Browne, Robert Kinney, and Amy Taylor Popkin. Also in attendance were CBRPD Police Chief Karl Knott, Borough Fire Marshal Scott Fleischer, Mayor Noni West, and Borough Manager John Davis.

The **Minutes** of the November 2024 meeting were approved as submitted.

**East Court Street Traffic Study.** John reviewed the traffic studies from 2017, 2018, and 2024 in the areas of Spruce, Cottage, and Church Streets. Several members of the community attended the meeting to discuss the findings and their concerns regarding speeds in their neighborhood.

John McGarry, resident, spoke on safety of pedestrians while observing drivers seemingly speeding in the area. He would like a Stop sign at Cottage/Spruce to help slow the cars down.

Erin Malone, resident who lives at East and Court Streets shared her concerns regarding speeding cars and those who are not stopping at Stop signs.

John stated that an all-way Stop sign at either of the Spruce Street intersections might be an option, but they did not meet either the accident or volume criteria. CBRPD will do a sight distance study to see if either qualifies on that basis. Robert Kinney suggested painting lines or adding further signage on Court Street could be feasible and visually helpful in the area of the cemetery. John will review the current PennDot rules and availability on signage.

Amy shared the information on an upcoming PennDot workshop on pedestrian safety, planned for January. The Committee agreed to table this issue until next month to allow for further research on possible solutions.

**East Street Traffic Study.** John reviewed this traffic study from the vicinity of East and Lacey Avenue. Speeds were above 30 mph but had been reduced from the previous study. Chief Knott discussed aggressive and consistent enforcement by CBRPD as well as Pennsylvania restrictions on permitted penalties.

Erin Malone, Borough resident, thanked the Committee as well as the Police Department for their work on this issue and asked for clarification on the process of traffic calming procedures, which John explained. Ms. Malone also spoke on her safety concerns and varied solutions used elsewhere in the Borough.

Several other residents spoke about the same issues, with requests for speed tables, crosswalks and bike lanes where feasible. John explained that process and the Borough is continuing in talks with the Doylestown Historical Society as part of their plan to rework the woodland area. Chief Knott will do further speed studies and John will schedule new 25mph pavement markings for Spring.

**Stop Sign Public Awareness Campaign.** Caitlin provided information on this social media campaign to promote stop sign compliance and pedestrian safety, developed with help from Chief Knott.

**Meadow and Clemens Parking Concerns.** John has monitored this issue, brought to the Committee by a resident, regarding sight distance concerns at this intersection. Due to many cars consistently parked very close to the intersection, John suggested a 'No Parking Here to Corner'. Notices will be sent to the neighborhood residents asking for their input at the next meeting to continue the conversation.

**Public Events.** Chief Knott had no upcoming events to share.

**Preparedness Update.** Larry and Scott shared details on a call with FEMA regarding preparedness information and upcoming meetings. New seminars and educational are being planned for 2025. The next step would be to create an Emergency and Communications Board with members of the community to help direct the future of these plans. Committee members talked about the details of what that would entail, which would include updating the Borough Emergency Management Plan to include the role of this new Board.

**CBRPC Report (Mayor).** Mayor West updated the Committee on recent discussions with the Central Bucks Regional Police Commission.

**Old/New Business.** None.

**Adjourned: 7:55 PM**