

Public Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 5, 2022 6:00 p.m.

Present: Committee Chair Joe Frederick and Council Member Larry Browne. Also in attendance were CBRPD Police Chief Karl Knott, Fire Marshal Scott Fleischer, Borough Manager John Davis, and Mayor Noni West.

The **Minutes** of the July meeting could not be approved without a quorum.

East Street Parking at Linden. John reviewed a reported problem with a vehicle parked more or less permanently near this corner that causes a problem with buses and school traffic. John suggested creating a No Parking Zone on the east side of East Street at Linden Avenue. Joe and Larry agreed to forward to Borough Council to approve the drafting of an ordinance.

Union Street Permit Parking. John received a complaint from a resident at the corner of Harvey Avenue and Union Street regarding parking from Shewell Avenue to Hamilton Street and he did some research of his own over a period of several weeks. The block from Hamilton to Harvey is a bit less parked than the remainder, but the area in discussion is heavily parked and, seemingly, not by residents. The suggestion from John would be to formally request a study from CBRPD. At that point, residents will be invited to a future meeting to discuss the findings and possibly extend the existing residential permit parking zone.

East Street Crosswalk at Fonthill Woods. John discussed concerns of a resident regarding traffic and speeds in this area. Doylestown Historical Society has been given a grant to address the Fonthill grounds, and this may be included in their plan to provide safety for pedestrians while improving the grounds. John noted the parking spaces could be repainted as well, to better delineate the parking areas as well as speed/traffic studies from CBRPD.

CBEMS Update. John noted the meetings with CBEMS and the municipalities they service are continuing regarding how to encourage more membership as well as their ongoing financial difficulties. It's been found that wages need to be more competitive to encourage more full-time, paid employees. It is anticipated that additional funding will be requested in the next several years, which will need to be put to the public in the form of a referendum.

CERT Team Update. Larry reviewed the two meetings that have been held with the research team so far.

CBRPC Report: Mayor West and Chief Knott discussed the upcoming hiring of several officers, with preparations to begin in 2023.

Old/New Business. Chief Knott updated the group on a police incident that began in the Borough yesterday involving a booted car and subsequent chase and crash. Ultimately, 21 officers from multiple local police agencies were involved in the pursuit, and the suspect ended up turning himself in overnight. He is facing multiple charges. The Committee discussed the rapidly changing event and how best to make decisions on disseminating information.

Adjourned: 7:10 PM