

Public Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 4, 2023 6:00 p.m.

Present: Joe Frederick and Ben Bell. Also in attendance were CBRPD Police Chief Karl Knott and Borough Manager John Davis.

The **Minutes** of the April, May, July and September meetings were approved as submitted.

Central Bucks West Traffic: West Court Street and Long Lane. John discussed the request from the residents, several of whom have attended, regarding the safety of traffic during drop off and pick up and CB West.

Lynn Dosio, 360 West Court Street, spoke on the dangers of student drop off/pick up at CB West and the speeding cars in the area of her home.

Rochelle Turchen, 390 West Court Street, also shared her concerns with cars cutting through Long Lane as well as cars backing up on Court Street in No Parking areas causing a traffic jam during pick up times and environmental concerns with idling cars.

Brad Hedrick, 368 West Court Street, shared his concerns as well, regarding safety and traffic blockages caused by parents waiting to pick up their children.

John also spent time observing traffic in the morning and the afternoon and found the same issues, and noted there are many pedestrians crossing streets as well. The Committee and attendees discussed the issue at length and all understand the School District is aware of the problem. The District is working to come up with a new traffic plan to address the increase in students being dropped off and picked up at school. Ben suggested finding a way to education parents on the environmental aspect of the cars idling for a length of time and the safety concerns of the speed and congestion in the area. John will share this conversation with the safety officer at the District.

East State Street and Oakland Avenue Pedestrian Crossing. The Committee discussed the letter received regarding the risk to pedestrians in this area. Ben also shared his concern for drivers due to signs on Maple Avenue blocking views, although John explained the signs are not in an illegal location. Chief Knott noted there have been no reported accidents involving pedestrians or vehicles in recent years, and there is a legal responsibility for pedestrians to be aware of their location when approaching a crosswalk. John will keep an eye on this.

Hamilton Street Permit Parking. A resident had attended previously to share a concern with parking in this area with the upcoming changes to the former Borough Hall building. John did a brief survey regarding the varied parking restrictions in this area and suggested looking at the possibility of changing parking in this area fully to Permit Parking Only. The Committee will invite residents of Harvey and Hamilton Streets to get their opinions on that idea.

CBRPC Report (Mayor). Chief Knott had nothing new to report.

Old/New Business. Ben would like to open a discussion about parking ordinances related to land development and if the Borough is permitted to require a certain number of electric vehicle parking spaces. John will have Karyn Hyland discuss that topic with the Borough Solicitor.

Adjourned: 7:10 PM