

Public Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 1, 2023 6:00 p.m.

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

The **Minutes** of the October 2023 meeting were approved as submitted.

Hamilton Street and Harvey Avenue Permit Parking. John provided some background on this topic and explained the required standards that would allow for permit only parking. Currently, two-hour parking is permitted for anyone during working hours, Monday through Friday. There have been recent requests from residents to change the parking to resident permit only.

Resident Comments:

-David Owings reiterated concerns regarding the potential construction to the former Borough Hall and is worried about the current parking situation getting more difficult for residents.

-Jay Stennel shared his thoughts on more residents working from home and therefore allow for fewer open parking spaces.

-Geraldine Dougherty thanked the Committee for considering the parking restrictions. She is concerned with enforcement. John explained the enforcement process, and Chief Knott also reminded the residents to call the department on weekends and they will respond to parking concerns.

-Dan Greenhouse shared his support of the restrictions as well.

-Barbara Brown asked for similar restrictions on Decatur Street. John will review the parking situation on Decatur Street.

-Matt Major is concerned with the proposed hotel at the former Borough Hall building and the parking issues that could generate.

-Dave Morocco shared his thoughts on a business on North Hamilton Street that receives resident parking passes for employees, which seems detrimental to the neighborhood. John will look into that.

-Payton Brown, asked questions about rental units and feels many do not seem to have a permit displayed and may be an enforcement issue.

-Tracy Ketterer, discussed speeding and many drivers going the wrong way on the one-way North Hamilton Street.

John shared his thoughts on these limits and feels it can be successfully put into place and still allow for non-residents to park elsewhere in town. All members voted to support a motion to draft and advertise an ordinance limiting parking to residents only on Harvey Avenue between Court and Union Streets and Hamilton Street between Wood and Decatur Streets. This will go to Borough Council for approval.

John explained the process of the Zoning Hearing Board regarding the application and explained the residents will receive notice of the upcoming meetings and are all invited to attend to share their thoughts.

Masonic Lodge Handicap Parking Request. This discussion has been tabled.

CERT Team Update. Larry provided an update on the growth of this plan with upcoming disaster assistance training and community outreach.

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

Old/New Business. John reviewed the second budget submission, including the expansion of the department by two more full time officers. The Committee unanimously approved a motion to approve the CBRPD budget.

Ben asked for an update on electric car charging stations. John explained the research needed regarding the required

number of charging stations, which is being addressed in the Comprehensive Plan process.

Ben received a message from a resident regarding the electric lawn mowers being used by Public Works and asked which Committee would be able to address their use. He was referred to the Environment and Recreation Committee.

Erin Malone, 197 East Street resident, asked for traffic calming options regarding speeds in her neighborhood. Chief Knott is aware of the concerns there and the department does implement speed signs at times, but they will again take another look.

Matt Major, Hamilton Street, shared his concerns regarding speeds and number of cars traveling through his neighborhood. He asked for lower speeds than 25 mph, which John explained is the lowest speed the Borough is legally permitted to post. Matt also asked if crosswalks could be added with the hope to lower speeds. The Committee will look into options.

Adjourned: 7:10 PM