

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

**Present:** Committee Chair Joe Frederick, Larry Browne, Curtis Cowgill, and Ben Bell. 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 December meeting were approved.

**80 North Main Street Free 15-Minute Parking Space Request.** John provided information on a request from Representative Tim Brennan's office at this location for the removal of a metered parking space and a free 15-minute parking space added in its place. All of the tenants of the building as well as tenants of 72 North Main Street were notified and their input was requested by the Public Safety Committee. Of those tenants, only two opinions were shared with John. One tenant was strongly in favor of the space, and one was strongly opposed to the space. This is a heavily parked area due to the Justice Center. Revenue would be a decrease of approximately \$2500-\$2750 annually, and the space would not be easily ticketed. There are currently 14 free, 15-minute spaces located strategically throughout the Borough.

The Committee voted unanimously to table the issue until further input is received.

**Ordinance Creating CERT Team.** Larry shared details of the new Committee that has been put together to create and oversee a Community Emergency Response Team. He presented a draft ordinance to create the CERT Team. Once the group is officially set up, rules and regulations can be generated and FEMA guidelines can be used to vet volunteer members.

Paul Kreuter, President of the Doylestown Borough Volunteer Fire Company, shared his concerns regarding this new Committee and shared the Volunteer Fire Department offers fire safety training and much of the offerings of a CERT team. He asked to be brought into discussions of this going forward.

A resident of Mechanic Street shared his concern that enough volunteers won't present themselves for the training required to make this team successful.

**PECO Substation Security.** Fire Marshal Scott Fleischer shared he spoke with a PECO representative, who noted they are aware of safety concerns around the Country, they are always making adjustments to their safety plan, but will not share that information publicly.

**Borough Hall Emergency Action Plan.** John and Scott have been working on adjusting the plan for the new building at 10 Doyle Street. Chief Knott asked for Officer addresses be removed for safety reasons, and John agreed to redact that information. Curt shared his concerns with the wording and suggested more direct language. John will make those adjustments, which won't make any direct changes to the plan itself.

All members voted in favor of passing this plan to Borough Council, with the corrected language and Police Officer addresses removed.

**Public Events.** Chief Knott shared the repeat events that have submitted information.

**CBRPC Report (Mayor).** Mayor West reviewed the upcoming Police Commission meeting, which will include discussion with the Central Bucks School District members regarding a School Resource Officer and she encouraged members of the Committee to attend.

**Old/New Business.** John shared a renewed request of residential permit parking on Harvey Avenue between Union and Doyle Streets. Previous studies have shown the area has not warranted permit parking. However, in John's preliminary studies, it appears that those numbers have increased. Chief Knott explained he has heard from Fred Beans, who is aware of his employees are parking in that area and he's working with the County on possible parking garage passes.

Donna Zebley, a resident of the Belvedere neighborhood on Doyle Street, asked the Committee to look into the multiple cars parked on her end of Doyle Street every day by employees of Fred Beans as well. John will do so.

**Adjourned: 7:00 PM**