

Public Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 13, 2021 7:00 p.m.

Present: Committee Members Joe Frederick, Wendy Margolis, and Larry Browne, as well as Councilperson Dennis Livrone, Borough Manager John Davis, Mayor Ron Strouse, Borough Council President Jack O'Brien, Fire Marshal Scott Fleischer, and CBRPD Chief Karl Knott.

The **Minutes** of the August 2021 meeting were not approved without a quorum.

Warrantless Arrest Ordinance

Mayor Strouse reviewed the draft ordinance with the Committee with the hope that all three Boroughs will pass an identical ordinance. Chalfont and New Britain Boroughs have already voted to advertise the ordinance.

All present members agreed to pass this on to Borough Council with their recommendation to advertise the ordinance.

Health Hazards from Fowl

Steven Smith, a long-time resident of East Court Street, spoke on his concerns regarding the fowl ordinance and its relation to public health and safety. He reviewed the CDC guidelines and warnings contributed to backyard poultry, including salmonella, as well as more stringent ordinances in other local municipalities. He asked the Committee to consider revising the ordinance. The Committee will discuss this, review the ordinance with Borough Staff, and continue the discussion.

Church Street Handicap Parking Space Request

William Meisle expressed his concerns regarding the lack of convenient parking near his home and his need for a handicap parking space. Joe Frederick explained the timing of the ordinance process and Chief Knott reminded Mr. Meisle the space will not belong to one specific person, and will be available to anyone with a handicap tag. The Committee will research the issues and continue the discussion.

Police Commission Report

Mayor Strouse reported the budget will be finalized next week and submitted to the Police Commission for their approval.

New/Old Business

Larry provided an update on the emergency response group and the possibility of providing bi-monthly preparedness seminars for residents after the move to the new Borough Hall.

Scott reviewed the possibility of inviting fire company representatives to a Public Safety meeting but are finding the upcoming scheduled meeting dates impossible to attend; the Committee was asked to consider rescheduling a future meeting in order for them to attend. After reviewing the calendar, all members in attendance agreed to change the November meeting to November 17th. That calendar change will be advertised.

Adjourned: 8:05 PM