

Public Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 4, 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 March meeting were approved as corrected.

Harvey Avenue Permit Parking Study (Union to Doyle). John reviewed the history of this issue, along with results of recent parking studies. The current studies show the block now does qualify for parking restrictions.

The Committee agreed to create a permit-only parking, 9-5, Monday through Friday for this area. The Committee agreed unanimously on the motion to advertise the new parking restriction. The residents will be notified of this and discussion will continue next month.

Doyle Street Parking (Main to Broad Commons). John provided information on the parking situation on Doyle Street between the new Borough Hall and Main Street. Currently, employees of local businesses appear to be parking in the Belvedere neighborhood. John felt a reasonable solution would be a two-hour parking limit during the week.

Several residents of Doyle Street attended the meeting to share their support. All members voted in favor of advertising the ordinance. Donna Zebley of Doyle Street suggested the Borough reach out to the employees of Fred Beans to notify them of the change; John shared that Scott Fleischer is in regular contact with the Fred Beans organization on these matters.

CERT Team. Larry shared the exploratory committee will be meeting later this month.

Public Events. Chief Knott shared the Earth Day celebration scheduled for May and the Strawberry Festival in June. More permits are arriving frequently now for the upcoming season.

CBRPC Report (Mayor). Mayor West discussed the issue of a SRO being placed in the Central Bucks school buildings and suggested Borough Council discuss and share their opinions with the Police Commission. John and Chief Knott also suggested coming up with appropriate discussions within the Borough to allow the residents to discuss their wishes regarding the matter.

Old/New Business. State Representative Tim Brennan appeared to discuss his parking concerns regarding County constituents visiting his office, as well as other offices nearby. He requested a designated, free 15-minute parking space. The Committee agreed unanimously to advertise the new ordinance.

Mayor West suggested a resolution in support of Pennsylvania Senate legislation to allow local municipal police departments to use radar guns. Chief Knott agreed to have a resolution drafted from the Police Commission as a whole.

Chief Knott gave details of a recent 'smash and grab' gun theft in the parking lot of Aunt Judy's restaurant. DNA samples were taken and submitted to the database for a possible future match. No video was found to be helpful. Chief Knott does feel it was a crime of opportunity.

Adjourned: 7:00 PM