

Public Safety Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 7, 2022 6:00 p.m.

Present: Committee Chair Joe Frederick and Council Member Larry Browne. 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 July, September, October, and November meetings were approved.

West Street Traffic Study. John provided an update on the study results as provided by CBRPD. The speeds were high enough to call for some traffic calming. One option considered to address the speed is a four-way stop sign at Doyle and West Streets, however, the PennDot criteria required is not met. Pavement markings and signage are also possibilities. A painted parking lane on the west side where parking is permitted to narrow the cart way was discussed. Painted bike lanes on either side with the appropriate signage could also be helpful, but would require parking to be eliminated.

John Boyce, Union Street resident, asked if bike lanes could be painted fully or designed to look more substantial.

Larry Szabo, North West Street resident, suggested a large '25 MPH' painted directly on the street, which John noted is used in other areas, and is a possibility.

Jude Viscontio, West Street resident, asked when a traffic study can be redone after any changes are made. John explained it will be followed up with another study several months after the changes are made to assess.

Chris Czerniakowski, North West Street, also feels the painted speed limit directly on the street would be helpful.

The residents who attended agreed the painted bike lanes and 25 MPH markings would be most helpful. John noted, in other areas with the same 32-33 mph speeds, these options have helped to decrease the speeds. An ordinance to eliminate parking on the west side will need to be advertised, in order to create bike lanes. The Committee voted in favor unanimously to suggest Borough Council authorize the advertisement of this ordinance.

Union Street Permit Parking. John provided the results of the parking study requested between Shewell and Hamilton Streets. To qualify for permit parking, 65% of the parking spots in the area need to be occupied twice per day, with 35% being non-residents. The studies have shown this area does qualify for permit parking. Many residents attended to share their desire for permit-only parking. The problem seems to be a work-day issue, so a Monday-Friday 9-5 limit appears to be appropriate.

Erin Grubb, 208 Union Street, doesn't feel her block has a huge problem and feels the two-hour limit during Monday-Friday working hours would be very helpful.

Marguerite Ambrose, 197 Union Street, agreed with Erin, and asked how enforcement would be handled. John explained our officers will go out to monitor the area with chalking, as well as taking phone requests from the residents to enforce. He also reminded the residents that it wouldn't involve calling the police department, which some people would not want to do.

Jackie Mascuccine, 164 Union Street, spoke regarding her parking situation and is in support of this parking restriction. She asked for painted parking spaces in front of her home, as there are only two spots and often cars are parked in the middle, taking both spots.

Brian Hitchon, 171 Union Street, also is in favor of parking permits.

John explained the Borough does want to be good hosts to County employees and visitors, but there are other parking options available.

Joe Bolletino, 167 Union Street, also feels the two-hour limit is fair for both courthouse visitors and residents.

This action would require two separate ordinances: the first to create a residential parking area on Union Street between Shewell and Hamilton, and a restriction on Union between Shewell and Hamilton with a two-hour limit Monday-Friday, 9-5.

John reminded the residents this will include a once-per-year registration with the Borough to receive permits.

Handicap Parking Permit Request. The resident who requested this did not appear to continue the discussion. The issue has been tabled for now.

Public Events. Chief Knott spoke regarding the Hanukkah in the Borough for late December.

CBEMS Update. John noted there has not been a recent meeting. The municipalities agreed to meet again with CBEMS when the budgets are in discussion.

CERT Team Update. There is no update to report.

Old/New Business. None.

Adjourned: 7:00 PM