

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

Present: Committee Chair Joe Frederick. Also in attendance were CBRPD Police Chief Karl Knott, Borough Manager John Davis, Borough Council President Jack O'Brien, Council Member Amy Taylor Popkin, and Borough Finance Manager Caroline Brinker.

The **Minutes** of the July meeting could not be approved without a quorum.

2023 CBRPD Preliminary Budget. Caroline noted that the Police Commission approved the preliminary budget to forward along to the municipalities with the understanding that it will be rejected until further information is available and included. Caroline reviewed the changes in expenditures from last year's budget. The budget anticipates the hiring of two additional full time officers in September 2023, and two more added in January 2024. Chief Knott's recommendation is to work toward having all four officers ready for a January 1, 2024 start rather than include any officers in 2023.

CERT Team Update. Larry was not present to provide an update.

63 West Ashland Street Handicap Parking Request. John received a request from the resident regarding the difficulty she has with parking near her apartment building, which does not have off-street parking. Several neighbors sent John emails in support of this spot, which the residents understand would be open to all drivers with a handicapped parking permit. Without a quorum to vote, the group agreed to forward this on to Borough Council for approval and advertisement.

Public Events. Chief Knott reviewed the upcoming bike race/arts festival, as well as the Travis Manion 5K and the Spooktacular Parade and Witch's Bike Ride.

CBRPC Report: Mayor West was not present to provide the report.

Old/New Business. Chief Knott reviewed the current homelessness situation in the community. He continues to encourage members of the community to report any concerns to the Police Department and they continue to follow up on them. There are currently six homeless members of the community the CBRPD is aware of; most of those refuse assistance from outside agencies. If laws are not being broken, the department is limited on how they can assist, but they do what they can to connect people with agencies to help.

Adjourned: 6:40 PM