

MINUTES OF THE HANOVER BOROUGH COUNCIL
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
March 7, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Chairman Lockard convened the meeting of the Hanover Borough Council Public Safety Committee at 6:00 PM, Tuesday, March 7, 2023 in the Hanover Municipal Building, 44 Frederick Street, Hanover, PA, as advertised.

Attendance: Present were Committee Members Funk, C. Greenholt and Lockard; Staff Members Fire Chief Clouser, Secretary Felix, Manager Lewis, Police Chief Martin and Emergency Management Coordinator Waltman.

Approval of the Minutes: It was moved by Mrs. Funk, seconded by Mrs. Greenholt to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2023 Public Safety Committee meeting. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Larry Sherfey, 120 Clearview Road – Mr. Sherfey questioned the hot water heater still in the yard of 207 Charles Street.

Public Works Director Grimm confirmed that this property was referred to the Codes Department, and the issue is in process.

Mr. Sherfey noted that the Hanover Borough spring newsletter should include the new fireworks regulations and the open burning regulations.

Manager Lewis will pass this along to staff.

108 East Chestnut Street – Public Works Director Grimm noted that the two (2) parking spaces located on the north side of Chestnut Street near the intersection of Railroad Street should be eliminated, especially in regard to the improvements at 108 East Chestnut Street due to site distance issues. There will be parking available on the Railroad Street side of the property for the planned retail space along with the municipal lot on Chestnut Street. The planned residences will have off-street parking on the property. It was moved by Mrs. Funk, seconded by Mrs. Greenholt to move the advertisement of the ordinance to eliminate the 2-hour public parking along the Chestnut Street side of 108 East Chestnut Street to the Council Workshop agenda for consideration. Motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Report – Emergency Management Coordinator Whitman noted that he is still checking on funding for the Municipal Barrier Line (MVB3X) safety barricades for public events. The barricades are for protection of citizens and vendors on our downtown streets during special events. Other types of barricades were investigated, such as water filled or cement barriers, but there are no other practical methods that would meet

the barricade certification. Grant funding is being sought for the cost to cover main intersections, approximately at a cost of \$100,000.00.

Mr. Waltman reported that he attended the first of four (4) hazard mitigation sessions with York County. All municipalities are required to participate and will lose grant funding if they do not participate.

Mr. Waltman noted he received the CSX Transportation Density study for trains transporting goods through the Borough. Because CSX does transport hazardous materials through the Borough, and in light of the incident that occurred in Ohio last month, he is concerned. He noted that the amount of hazardous chemicals transported through our area is much lower than that of Ohio. The trains are restricted to a 25 mph speed limit in the Borough, and they are required to sound whistles at all intersections. York Railway only comes through town twice a month and has limited hazardous materials transportation.

Eisenhower Drive was opened in 1990 from Broadway to Carlisle Street. Conewago Township wanted to open Eisenhower Drive from Carlisle Street to High Street. There is confusion from emergency services due to the designation of "West" Eisenhower Drive (west of Carlisle Street) having duplicate addresses to those east of Carlisle Street on Eisenhower Drive. The goal is to eliminate duplicate addresses. Mr. Waltman recommended officially renaming Eisenhower Drive west of Carlisle Street to "West" Eisenhower Drive. Penn Township and Conewago Township are still working on this effort to eliminate the confusion.

Mr. Waltman is working on agreements with St. Paul's Church and St. Vincent Church to provide temporary evacuation locations. A formal written agreement is being developed.

Public Comment: None was presented.

Adjournment: It was moved by Mrs. Greenholt, seconded by Mrs. Funk to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Dorothy C. Felix
Borough Secretary