

MINUTES OF THE HANOVER BOROUGH COUNCIL
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

June 7, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Chairman Lockard convened the meeting of the Hanover Borough Council Public Safety Committee at 6:00 PM, Tuesday, June 7, 2022 in the Hanover Municipal Building, 44 Frederick Street, Hanover, PA.

Attendance: Present were Committee Members Funk, C. Greenholt, and Lockard; Council Member Rupp; Staff Members Fire Chief Clousher, Police Chief Martin, Director of Public Works Grimm, and Borough Administrator Hill.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of the Minutes: It was moved by Mrs. Funk, seconded by Mrs. Greenholt to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2022, Public Safety Committee and Parking Review Committee. Motion carried.

Fire Code Ordinance Draft Amendment - Fire Chief Clousher provided a draft ordinance amendment for Committee review.

Fire Chief Clousher spoke on the ambiguity of the current fire code regarding open burning, recreational fire, outdoor fireplace, and food preparation. The amendment provides definitions on each of those items to allow for enforcement. He noted that once this amendment has been passed, the prior ordinance will be removed from the e360 site to prevent any further confusion.

It was moved by Mrs. Funk, seconded by Mrs. Greenholt to move the matter to the Council Workshop agenda for consideration. Motion carried.

316 Broadway - Director of Public Works Grimm spoke on a request from the owner of 316 Broadway to restrict parking 12 feet on either side of the driveway to allow for access. Director Grimm proposed a compromise which would give the owner the ability to access their driveway without taking away from on-street parking along that roadway.

It was moved by Mrs. Funk, seconded by Mrs. Greenholt to move to the Council Workshop agenda for consideration. Motion carried.

Council member Rupp asked why parking restrictions require an ordinance and Director Grimm proposed that parking restrictions be approved or denied by the Fire Chief, Police Chief, and himself. Council member Rupp requested further information on this to be provided and discussed at the next Public Safety Committee meeting.

Traffic Studies – Police Chief Martin provided that the traffic study was prompted by an email from Dr. Singer to Mayor Whitman expressing concerns over the number of accidents near his office at the intersection of York Street & Walnut Street. The study identified three intersections which have had the most accidents due to three factors: traffic volume, location of metered parking near the intersection, and traffic backup.

- York Street & Walnut Street
- Baltimore Street & Walnut Street
- Frederick Street & Franklin Street

Chief Martin provided the number of accidents at each of the three intersections and requested that those intersections be “Right Turn Only” during high traffic volume hours.

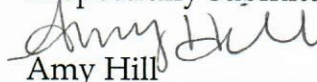
It was moved by Mrs. Funk, seconded by Mrs. Greenholt to move the matter to the Council Workshop agenda for consideration. Motion carried.

Fire Chief’s Report – Fire Chief Clouser reported that July 4th Fireworks display will be provided by Bixler Pyrotechnics in the field behind Lowes on Eisenhower Drive. He sent out 144 letters to businesses in Hanover Borough and surrounding municipalities requesting donations toward the cost of the fireworks display. Donations have begun to come into the Borough office and those who choose to donate will be recognized on the Borough website, Facebook, and newsletter. Rain date for the fireworks is July 5th.

Chief Clouser provided an update on the Fire Commission. A candidate has been selected and the Fire Commission is set to approve the hire of the new Business Manager at the next meeting. The commission received a grant in the amount of \$37,500 for building, computers, and furnishings related to EMS operations. Council member Rupp encouraged Chief Clouser to use the funds for budgeted items to reduce the financial obligation of the funding municipalities. Chief Clouser also advised that the commission is working with their solicitor to determine the ability of the commission to incur debt. A new pumper will need to be purchased in 2024 which will cost upwards of \$600,000 and the commission would like to assume the debt for that apparatus which will be billed equally to Penn Twp and Hanover Borough. Council member Rupp expressed concerns over the commission incurring debt for which the Borough would be responsible for repaying. Council member Funk requested Penn Township’s input on this funding arrangement.

Adjournment: It was moved by Mrs. Funk, seconded by Mrs. Greenholt to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Amy Hill

Borough Administrator