

**MINUTES OF THE HANOVER BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**September 5, 2023 at 6:00 PM**

Chairperson Dr. Rupp convened the meeting of the Hanover Borough Council Public Safety Committee at 6:00 PM, Tuesday, September 5, 2023 in the Hanover Municipal Building, 44 Frederick Street, Hanover, PA, as advertised.

**Attendance:** Present were Committee Members Funk, C. Greenholt and Rupp; Council Member Hegberg; Staff Members Public Works Supervisor Bean, Secretary Felix, Public Works Director Grimm, Manager Lewis and Police Chief Martin.

**Approval of the Minutes:** It was moved by Mrs. Funk, seconded by Mrs. Greenholt to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2023 Public Safety Committee meeting. Motion carried.

**Acknowledgement of Executive Session:** Dr. Rupp reported that an executive session was held this evening from 5:00 PM until 5:40 PM under Section 708(a) (1) of the Sunshine Law regarding termination of employment.

**Public Comment:** None was presented.

**Revision of Park Rules - Removal of §259-3(G)**

Public Works Director Grimm noted that the park rules signage needs to be changed to eliminate Section 259-3(G) stating *“Open fires and the disposal of hot coals from charcoal grills are permitted only in the facilities provided.”*

It was moved by Mrs. Greenholt, seconded by Mrs. Funk to move the advertisement of an ordinance to amend the Park Rules by repealing Section 259-3(G) *“Open fires and the disposal of hot coals from charcoal grills are permitted only in the facilities provided”* of the Hanover Borough Code to the Council Workshop agenda for consideration. Motion carried.

**South Railroad Street - Citizen request for 2-way traffic**

Mr. William Markel, 11 York Street, Apt. #208 was present to discuss the letter of request that he submitted for 2-way traffic on South Railroad Street from Walnut Street to Exchange Place. The approval would help the tenants of the McAllister Hotel access their parking garage and parking areas in the rear of the property along South Railroad Street, instead of having only one entrance to South Railroad Street at Broadway.

Chief Martin stated his concerns with narrowness of the alley; and pointed out that alleys were designed to divert traffic away from the square and downtown to help alleviate traffic congestion.

Mr. Markel noted that there are 30 parking spots in the underground parking garage, and an additional 15 regular spots which are accessed via South Railroad Street. It would be a help for the residents of the McAllister Hotel to have access to enter from Walnut Street.

Chief Martin stated he understands Mr. Markel's issue, but feels this to be a matter of convenience for one address which would ultimately create increased traffic congestion in the downtown.

The Committee agreed to table the action on the request until the Council Workshop Meeting on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 7:00 PM for further discussion among Council, pending recommendations from the Police Chief and Public Works Director.

#### **West Hanover Street - School Zone**

Public Works Director Grimm noted that the request for the school zone at Hanover Street School has not been finalized for approval by PennDot yet, but he wanted to inform the Committee that there will be a cost of approximately \$8,000 for the flashing lights and signage.

Mr. Grimm reached out to Councilman Mr. Kress, and the school district verbally agreed to pay 50% of the installation costs of the school zone if Council would approve payment for the remaining 50%.

It was moved by Mrs. Funk, seconded by Mr. Greenholt to move the approval for 50% cost sharing with the Hanover Public School District for the school zone implementation on at the Hanover Street School at an approximate cost to the Borough of \$4,000 (*\$8,000 total estimated cost*) to the Council Workshop agenda for consideration. Motion carried.

#### **Committee Comments:**

Mrs. Funk asked for an update on the Hair Gallery flooding issue. Mr. Grimm stated he is working with Columbia Gas to locate underground gas lines in relation to diverting water from her property. Mr. Grimm proposes to divert the stormwater to the arboretum park with a drain and a stone pit. He has also been in contact with Bartlett to determine the appropriate size of a drainage area in the arboretum. He noted that most of the Hair Gallery's water is coming from the neighboring property.

Mrs. Funk will ask the owner of the Hair Gallery to contact Mr. Grimm. A formal agreement would need to be approved by Council.

Dr. Rupp thanked all for their attendance.

**Adjournment:** It was moved by Mrs. Greenholt, seconded by Mrs. Funk to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Dorothy C. Felix  
Borough Secretary