

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Town Hall or via Zoom

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Committee Responsibilities – Traffic, Parking Ordinances, Law Enforcement Grants, Assemblages/Parades, Diversity, Emergency Management and Fire Department.

Committee Members: Justin Hummel (Chair), Bonnie Crawford, James Garman and Vince DeMelfi.

Citizens to be heard.

New Business.

1. Approval of the Public Safety Committee minutes from the 02/21/2023 meeting.
2. Parking technology upgrades and fee increases.
3. Discussion and direction of parking enforcement for Pine lot and E. Pine lot.

Old Business.

4. Chapter 3 ordinance- met with legal (9/9/2022).

Next meeting date: April 18, 2023

Executive session.

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
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Chairperson Justin Hummel called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., present were Council members Bonnie Crawford, James Garman, and Vince DeMelfi, Town Manager/Secretary/Treasurer Lisa Dooley, Chief of Police Scott Price (10:10 a.m.), Fire Chief Scott McBride, Code Enforcement Officer Gregory Ash and Law Enforcement Administrative Assistant Randi Fetterman (10:10 a.m.). Also in attendance were Scott Phillips, Kim Phillips, MJ Mahon, and Dawn Moore.

On a motion by B. Crawford, seconded by J. Garman, and voted on unanimously, the Committee approved the 1/24/2023 meeting minutes with no corrections.

Discussion took place regarding Act 172. Chief McBride explained the legislation to Council. This Act could provide up to 20 percent of the municipal real estate tax liability for residential real property owned and occupied as an active volunteer. This would not only cover firefighters but also EMA volunteers. There is also another provision to allow a flat amount of earned income tax credit be applied to the volunteer with several stipulations involved. L. Dooley spoke with D. Witchey at Columbia County and provided the documentation to the County Commissioners to review. Some of the volunteers in Bloomsburg do not live within the boundaries of the Town and if adopted at the County level could solve that issue. The Committee was interested for Fire Chief Scott Price to further look into and report back with a formalized plan.

Citizen to be heard, Scott Phillips requested that Oyer Avenue between West 1st Street and West Ridge Avenue be converted to a one-way street. Multiple vehicles have struck his house and fence located at 236 West 1st Street. The Committee was okay with legal proceeding to update the Town ordinance to reflect such.

Discussion took place on the Pedalcycle Ordinance. Multiple grammatical errors were discussed and will be corrected before reviewing again. No further input from the Committee was given regarding the draft ordinance.

On a motion by J. Garman, seconded by B. Crawford, and voted on unanimously, the Committee voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Notes taken by R. Fetterman and reviewed by L. Dooley.