

Personnel and Public Safety Committee Meeting
Monday, February 6, 2023
6:00 pm

MINUTES

Committee: Chairwoman, Ms. Burckley, Ms. Webb, and Mr. Weiss

Mayor Urscheler

Staff: Mr. Krack, Ms. Getzfread, Chief Marshall, Chief Brazunas, and Ms. Donato (as needed).

Chief Cosgrove – TowerDIRECT

- I. Call to Order at 6:00 pm
- II. Presentations - None
- III. Committee Member Updates/Discussions - None
- IV. New Business

- A. Review Monthly Fire and Ambulance Reports.

Chief Brazunas provided updates on the acquisition of the new KME Aerial Truck, the Quick Response Services (QRS) EMS Agency, and the recent efforts to resolve dispatching issues.

- B. Consider request from Jonathan Steitzer for appointment to the TAC for the vacant term expiring June 30, 2025 or the ZHB for the vacant term expiring January 31, 2024 or 2028.

Ms. Burckley provided background on the vacancies for TAC and ZHB and encouraged Mr. Steitzer to consider the ZHB because of the number of existing vacancies. Mr. Krack provided more information on the responsibilities of the ZHB.

Mr. Steitzer provided information on his background and why he is interested in serving on the various committees.

Ms. Burckley suggested Mr. Steitzer take additional time to consider the options and respond back to her prior to the Council meeting next week.

- C. Discussion regarding portable security cameras.

Chief Marshall provided background on the portable security camera. He reported that in the 2023 budget, Council approved the acquisition of a Intoximeter. He was informed last week that the PCCD Program awarded a grant

to buy the Intoximeter and fully funded it. He is asking the Committee to allow the amount that was provide in the Budget to be used to acquire the portable security camera. Ms. Burckley suggested he get a demonstration camera and provided more details at the March meeting. Perhaps a recommendation can then be made from the Committee.

- D. Motion to recommend Borough Council authorize the Borough of Phoenixville Civil Service Commission to begin the process of developing an Eligibility List for Patrolman for the Phoenixville Police Department.

Mr. Krack provided background on the process. Chief Marshall suggested the Civil Service Commission review the language on eligibility of applicants to allow for those who may already be in Act 120 Certification Classes. Mr. Krack explained the process would be the CSC would make recommended language changes and Borough Council would have to approve them. He also stated that both efforts could run concurrently.

- E. Call for Residents interested in being appointed to various Boards and Commissions. Current vacancies exist on:
Zoning Hearing Board, HARB, Tree Advisory Commission and Human Relations Commission

Ms. Burckley announced the various vacancies.

V. Current Focus Business

- A. Community Policing – Nothing new to report.
- B. Emergency Management – Nothing new to report
- C. PXV Inside Out – This will be discussed during the next Phoenixville First Meeting
- D. Downtown Shuttle – Nothing new to report.
- E. Use of Constable for Citation collections – Chief Marshall provided background on what other communities are doing. He will have more information for the March meeting.

VI. Public Participation

Mr. William McGinley voiced his concerns about the number of police officers within the Department. He feels all of the studies the Borough has are useless and that he wants the Borough to have two officers for every 1,000 persons.

VII. Executive Session - None

VIII. Adjournment at 6:47 pm by Mr. Weiss.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 at 6:00 pm.