

Personnel and Public Safety Committee Meeting
Monday, October 2, 2023
6:00 pm

AGENDA

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

Staff: Mr. Krack, Ms. Getzfread, Lieutenant MacIntyre, Chief Brazunas, and Ms. Donato (as needed). Deputy Chief Dixon – 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.

Ms. Burckley stated she received the reports and asked if there were any question. There were none.

- B. Consider request from David Petty for appointment to the HARB for the vacant term expiring August 31, 2025 or the ZHB for the vacant term expiring January 31, 2024.

Ms. Burckley asked Mr. Petty to provide background on why he wants to serve and which Board he would like to sit on. Mr. Weiss asked general questions regarding Mr. Petty's knowledge of the boards.

Mr. Weiss made a Motion to recommend Borough Council appoint Mr. Petty to the Zoning Hearing Board for the vacant term expiring January 31, 2024. Seconded by Ms. Burckley. Motion passed 2-0.

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

Ms. Burckley announced the various openings and asked those interested to contact their Council person or the Borough directly.

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

Mr. Weiss made a Motion to recommend Borough Council authorize the Civil Service Commission to begin the process of developing an Eligibility List for Patrolman. Seconded by Ms. Burckley. Motion passed 2-0.

- E. Discuss traffic issues regarding Renaissance Academy.

Lieutenant MacIntyre provided background on the traffic concerns stemming from pickup and drop off at the school. The Department continues to dialogue with the school officials.

- F. Discuss Changing Coll Drive Direction of Travel.

Mr. Krack provided background on the concerns from residents of Coll Drive. He noted that the Ordinance in the packet is only for the name change. The Police Department is conducting the actual study regarding potentially changing the direction of travel.

- G. Discuss All-Pedestrian signal at Bridge and Main Streets.

Mr. Krack provided information he received from PennDOT regarding the proposal and their desire to not have an all-pedestrian signal. This will go to the ITTS Committee for additional discussion.

V. Current Focus Business

- A. PXV Inside Out

Ms. Burckley and Mr. Weiss suggested that a survey at the end of the season be conducted to get additional information as to what works and what does not.

- B. Emergency Management. – Nothing new to report.

- C. Community Policing

Lieutenant MacIntyre provided background on the initiatives they are conducting in support of the program.

- D. Recruitment and retention incentives.

Ms. Donato provided information on potential initiatives Staff is looking into to support the potential of adding two fire fighters in the 2024 budget.

VI. Public Participation

John Sakos from Great American Pub expressed his concerns for continuing the PXV Inside Out every weekend from Spring to Fall as it hinders his already outside business. He would be ok with doing it as part of First Friday once a month.

Theresa Brewer, T.C. House of Style expressed her concerns for continuing the PXV Inside Out every weekend from Spring to Fall as it is destroying her business. She would be ok with doing it as part of First Friday once a month.

Lisa Longo, resident wanted to know if there were crime statistics for the Inside Out. She supports increasing the police and funding for it.

Ed Bush, Twisted Cog expressed his concerns for continuing the PXV Inside Out every weekend from Spring to Fall as it hinders his business because no one walks to a bike store to purchase a bike and walk back to their car. He would be ok with doing it as part of First Friday once a month.

Sue Duffy, House of Jerky expressed her concerns for continuing the PXV Inside Out every weekend from Spring to Fall as it is destroying her small business. She would be ok with doing it as part of First Friday once a month.

VII. Executive Session - None

VIII. Adjournment at 7:10 pm by Mr. Weiss.

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