

Personnel and Public Safety Committee Meeting

Monday, November 4, 2024

6:00 pm

MINUTES

Committee: Chairperson, Ms. Burckley, Mr. Strenfel, and Mr. Weiss

Mayor Urscheler

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

I. Call to Order at 6:02 pm

II. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items.

No public comment.

III. Committee Member Updates/Discussions.

No committee updates.

IV. New Business

A. Review Monthly Police, Fire and Ambulance Reports.

Ms. Burckley asked if there were any additional updates to the reports. Chief Brazunas and Chief Marshall provided background on the increased number of calls shown in the reports. Deputy Chief Dixon noted that 2025 brings the third year of the existing contract between the Borough and Tower. He stated that there will likely be the need for an increase in the contract beginning in 2026. Mr. Krack suggested there be a meeting in January and then quarterly in 2025 to begin reviewing all of the information to assist in negotiating a new contract.

B. Motion to recommend Borough Council accept the resignation of Kevin Dwyer from the Planning Commission.

Mr. Weiss made a Motion to recommend Borough Council accept the resignation of Kevin Dwyer from the Planning Commission. Seconded by Ms. Burckley. Motion passed 2-0.

C. Consider request from Jahan Tavangar for appointment to the Planning Commission for the unexpired term of March 31, 2027.

Ms. Burckley and Mr. Weiss asked questions of Mr. Tavangar as to why he wants to be appointed to the Planning Commission and about his background. Mr. Tavangar responded to the various questions and noted he had read the 2022 Comprehensive Plan and was impressed at how detailed it was as it relates to the planning process. He noted that his family had moved into the Steelpointe neighborhood which is in easy walking

distance to everything in the downtown. He noted that with his civil and environmental engineering background, he may be able to bring additional background to the Planning Commission as they review upcoming projects.

Mr. Weiss made a Motion to recommend Borough Council appoint Mr. Tavangar to the Planning Commission for the unexpired term of March 31, 2027. Seconded by Ms. Burckley. Motion passed 2-0.

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

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- E. Call for Residents interested in being appointed to various Boards and Commissions. Current vacancies exist on the, Civil Service Commission, and Tree Advisory Commission.

Ms. Burckley made a call for interested residents to apply for various openings.

- F. Motion to cancel the December 3, 2024 Committee Meeting.

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V. Old Business

- A. PXV Inside Out.

Ms. Getzfread provided background on information she has received from various businesses regarding the 2024 street closure and suggested that Borough Council provide an opportunity to meet with businesses in the near term to gauge how the PXV Inside Out might happen in 2025. Mr. Weiss suggested Staff put together a survey similar to the last survey in order to compare results from one year to another.

- B. Emergency Management.

Mr. Krack reported that he had received an email regarding a meeting later in the month to revisit the COG concept among neighboring municipalities. He also noted that Chester County was going to hold a webinar/update regarding updating the County's Hazardous Materials Plan.

- C. Community Policing.

Nothing new to report.

- D. Retention/Recruitment Update

Nothing new to report.

VI. Public Comment

Mr. Tavangar noted how impressive it is to see how much emphasis the Borough has and is placing on sustainability.

VII. Adjournment at 6:50 pm by Mr. Weiss.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at 6:00 pm