



Yeadon Borough Committee Report

Committee Name: Public Safety

Committee Chairs: Mayor Rohan Hepkins & Councilor Dr. Delores McCabe

Meeting Date: Saturday, August 4, 2018

Attendees: Mayor Rohan Hepkins, Councilor Dr. Delores McCabe, Sgt. Anthony Johnson, OEM Dir. Mary Nixon, Thomas Abrams, Denise Stinson

Absent: Fire Chief Michael Melazzo and Enite Dorsainvil

Summary Narrative:

Opening Prayer: Mayor Hepkins

There was an impromptu discussion about prayer. Mayor Hepkins and Dr. McCabe felt it should be done before the Council meetings. They thought it would be nice to have different Clergy in the community come in and offer prayer before each meeting. They will bring it up with Council.

Police Department: Chief Paparo was on vacation. Sgt. Anthony Johnson was filling in. There a first meeting on the budget. The Mayor wants to move forward on the cameras for the Borough. The 500 and 700 blocks need cameras. Andrew Nelson has looked at different companies for cameras. The camera monitors would be located in the Police Department.

Night Out is on Tuesday, Aug. 7th from 5p-8p at Evans Elementary School. There will be giveaways for the children, the SWAT vehicles, light refreshments, Aetna will have a table, and Mercy Fitzgerald will have information and the Bike Patrol. This is a National Campaign encouraged to get citizens to come out and get to know each other and their Police Department. It was suggested for the future that CERT and MRC should be included in this event. Also, more publicity-- flyers, robocalls ,TV.

Chief Paparo has made a positive impact with Next Door Neighbor. The Lock It Up campaign is going well. Every night Chief encourages citizens to lock it up to prevent crime by 9pm, Lock it up. Issue—not enough Police Officers on duty. Citizens would like to see more Police Officers on duty.

The issue of Squatters was brought up. This should be handled by the Code Department. Citizens don't want to call the Police for small things but that could help with another situation maybe a few blocks over. You should call 911 and not the office number.

Police Department: No report.

Emergency Management: NIMS Reporting System is a condition of Emergency Preparedness grants. This different than EOP, which is filled out and goes to the County. NIMS forms are submitted to the County, State and FEMA.

EOM forms are filled by Emergency Mgmt., Borough Mgr., Chief of Police, Fire Department. The proper protocol needs to be followed in order to get this done in a timely manner. EOM answers to Council. That's the Command structure. There are FEMA classes for Emergency Mgt. that are free.

September is National Preparedness Month. Mary will take to Chief Melazzo and Chief Paparo in reference to this to get the community more involved.

The issue of Mt. Moriah was brought up. Are we responsible for it? Yeadon owns 49% and Philadelphia owns 51%. We are responsible for the access road—we have to pave it and make sure it is safe. It is a historical site.

Meeting ended.

Next Meeting Date:

**Saturday, September 8, 2018 at 9:00 am - 3rd Floor Conference Room at
Borough Hall**

Respectfully submitted,
Denise Stinson