

Yeadon Borough Police Department

Office of the Chief of Police

Report: Public Safety Meeting

December 10, 2018

December 8, 2018

The following attended the Public Safety meeting held at Borough Hall this date at 0930am concluding about 1130am.

- Chief Paparo
- Fire Chief Mellazo
- Emergency Mgmt. Mary Nixon (briefly)
- Councilor Clara Johnson
- Thomas Abrams
- Liana Road-Cloud
- Nan Barnwell

Mayor Hepkins was unavailable due to an emergency Executive Meeting.
Councilor Dr. McCabe was also unavailable.

The Mayor requested that I direct the meeting which was opened with a prayer.

Note: some information is from related to previous work performed or activities that was not discussed in November due to the meeting being cancelled for unforeseen circumstances.

Emergency Management:

- OEM attended the Community Day/Anniversary Day festivities
- Attended the Veterans Luncheon
- Received a letter from the Food Bank thanking for assistance.
- Raised concerns about traffic issues.
 - ✓ Addressed in the police report section.

Fire Department: Discussion arose from Tom Abrams about lack of volunteer fire fighters. Echoed by Chief Mellazo the following was discussed, in addition to:

- Development of a Youth Fire Academy working with Chief Paparo to develop advertising to get the youth of the high schools interested in the fire service.
- Potentially garner greater interest in the community who could be firefighters.
- Request a letter from The Borough Manager advising Millbourne Borough that Yeadon Fire Company cannot handle fire service for Millbourne, which would potentially create disruption of fire protection here, and the potential for harm in Millbourne increases due to the travel time to get there in an emergency (Upper Darby is better suited to handle).
- Discussion about snow removal prompted by Mr. Abrams. It was noted that salt and sand are being used by Public Works, and sometimes like everyone we may get a little overwhelmed, but PW tries to keep ahead of the issues related to snow. An idea was floated to consider brine prior to storms, but that would need to be researched for costs and equipment needs.

Police Department: The following was discussed:

- Deer management continues, and residents involved are being asked for permission to continue the hunt until the season ends on January 26, 2019. The initial season posted was until December 14, 2018 but hunters still have some tags which could help further out initiative.
- Venison is being donated to residents and St Lewis Church.
- No issues have been reported.
- Residents are reporting reduced issues with deer.
 - ✓ Residents are also being forewarned that once pressure is alleviated the end of the season, numbers of sightings may increase as it may take a couple of years for us to get a real handle on the situation.
 - ✓ Harvest as of Dec 8, 2018 was 14 Does, 2 Bucks, and 2 found dead from accidents.
 - ✓ Hunters were required to take a doe first before a buck. Each doe potentially could birth 3 fawns each thus so far resulting in a possible 48 deer removed.
- Traffic enforcement remains a concern, discussed not only here but at the Mayor's Forum that was well attended.
 - ✓ Grants have been paying for extra details related to this, with traffic enforcement up over 70%.
 - ✓ Continued efforts will increase.
- Police need to replace to Sgts positions, 1 Lieutenant position, and 4 officers as a result of potential promotions.
- Discussion about Civil Service meetings.
- Discussion about Code and Public Works working with police to reduce time spent waiting on removal of debris, abandoned autos, quality of life issues that at times can be sped up through policing means.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Police are asking Council and the Solicitor to review and update the Chapter 430 -Parking Ordinance to provide for towing of vehicles that have outstanding parking fines in excess of \$200.00 for example.
 - a. The towing agency has been contacted to determine feasibility of using their own equipment to save the Borough costs associated with a boot or other immobilizer on vehicles.
2. Police are asking for Council and the Solicitor to review 690.1 Fireworks and Weapons to include a prohibition on Hunting in the Borough without written permission of the Chief of Police pursuant to the Deer Management Program.
3. Police are asking Council and the Solicitor to adopt a contract that will be created by the Department with part-time police that would require a certain period of employment (2 years), and if an officer leaves prior to that 2 year period, he/she would be required to repay the Borough for the costs of all uniforms, equipment, and bullet proof vest purchased to get the officer street ready.

Respectfully submitted:

Chief Anthony R. Paparo