



Yeadon Public Safety Meeting
Saturday, July 25, 2020
PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Mayor Hepkins, PD Chief Paparo, FD Chief Diienno, Rufus Stokes, Tom Abrams, Jeff Wilkinson, Nia Bullock, Doloros McCabe, Darlene Walker (Library), Nafis Nichols

Opened with prayer by Dr. McCabe

Mayor

Opening Remarks by Mayor Hepkins – Thanks everyone for getting on the call.

Mayor Hepkins: Discussed Borough reopening meeting that was held on Tuesday June 23rd and provided a quick recap of that meeting.

Code

Rufus: Code hand delivered letters about green stage requirements to all businesses. Churches were not included but will be taken care of on Monday June 29th.

Library

Darlene: New director starts on July 6th. Not open currently, only doing curbside pick up, until further notice. Chief Paparo inquired if there were any new issues with residents using the internet wifi outside of the library.

Darlene: Thanked Public Works for the Rain Garden.

Police

Chief Paparo: Operating at full capacity. Lost a part time officer to a full-time position to Haverford Township. Mayor and Chief are working to replace that position until after the COVID response. There is a business operating above capacity, PD and CODE are working collectively on fixing that issue. Waiting on Dept of Agriculture about the public garden. Going to sit on Delco Police Reform Task Force. 2 protests. 1 was supposed to be anti police but actually transformed to a meaningful conversation. 2 was by Penn Wood Students on Flag Day, was very police and community friendly. Invoices have been tracked for civil arrests. 2 cases of vandalism during unrest.

Mayor Hepkins and Chief Paparo

Mayor Hepkins and Chief Paparo: Fireworks have been a largely national issue. There has been a 3000% increase in complaints. There is a lot of reasons for it, one is that fireworks have been legalized in the state of PA and on top of COVID response. Warning and confiscation on first offense, citation on a 2nd response. Many firework stores have been looted, thus created more easily access to them. A lot of next door posts (150' from residences or businesses). A lot of noise is from surrounding areas, but there are many here in Yeadon.

Public Works

Jeff Wilkinson: Discussed the trash cans in Union Ave Park.

Sneeze guards have been installed. 6ft vinyl decals are done. Community park – hoops are back up. Gates are unlocked for parking lot. Signs are on order, possibly done by next week. Operating as normal. Mayor Hepkins asked about Kerr Field guidelines due to Kerr Field under the School District not emptying trash and rules being broken.

Comments

Doloros McCabe: Discussion about the ordinance for fireworks. Get the ordinance posted.

Tom Abrams: State legislation is trying to adjust accordingly for the fireworks issues.

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Discussion about Kerr Field.

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Tom Abrams: Police are doing an excellent job. Question about staffing due to losing an officer and having the ability to fill the time with part timers.

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Fire

Chief Dianno: Fire Company handled 67 fire calls and 188 EMS calls in May. Operating as normal, seeing a return to normal call volume since prior to COVID.

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Meeting closed with benediction by Dr. McCabe