



Public Safety Meeting October 31, 2020

Attendees: Mayor Rohan Hepkins, Councilor Delores McCabe, Police Chief Anthony Paparo, Fire Chief Mike Diianno, Code & Emergency Management Director Rufus Stokes, Public Works Director Michael Pozzuolo, Director Nafis Nichols, Julianne James, Toni Truehart & Tom Abrams

Absent: Denise Stinson

The Meeting was conducted via Zoom and Discussions centered around the following:

Toni Truehart opened the meeting in prayer

Traffic Control: Discussions centered around speeding on Church Lane and in the borough arteries. It was mentioned that traffic on Church Lane as well as throughout Yeadon has increased in recent years for a variety of reasons. Chief among the reasons is the increased commerce due to taxes levied in Philadelphia on cigarettes and sodas, where it is considerably cheaper in Yeadon. It was also discussed that most of the recent accidents on Church Lane were DUI related. It is difficult to prevent DUI's. After COVID-19 has subsided, Police Checks on that thoroughfare (Church Lane is a State Highway and we are limited in what we can do without PennDOT permission), but we will revisit. Other than that, the YPD is looking on a comprehensive approach to traffic control in Yeadon.

Governor's Covid-19 Mandate: Still in effect. It was mentioned that there has been a spike in the area as well as throughout the country...so we should be as careful to continue to follow social distancing and not succumb to COVID-fatigue. It was also mentioned that we may need a closer look at the Social Space since they have expanded to two (2) locations instead of the one (across street from each other) and where overcrowding may be an issue. The Police Chief will look into it.

The reopening plans for the WPSD was also mentioned as a phased-in approach. The current operating virtual status of the Yeadon Public Library was also discussed.

Fire Pits in Borough: This came up with regards to how far a fire pit should be located from a home, and if it comports to our current ordinance. It was mentioned that it is legal so long as it is 10 feet from a fixed residence.

Election on November 3: The upcoming election was discussed as it pertains to security in the Borough so that residents will be able to get to the polls without fear or intimidation. Extra officers will be deployed throughout the day to handle any potential irregularities. Extra Constables from the County as well as other County officials are scheduled to be available throughout the County and borough on election day. YPD will only step in if there is a 911 type of need. We will also monitor events so as to be prepared for anything post-election.

Meeting ended with a benediction from Mayor Hepkins