

TOWN OF McCANDLESS
MINUTES – PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 4, 2016 TOWN HALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Committee Chairman LeDonne with the following in attendance: Committee members Zachary, Aufman, Mertz, Powers, Walkauskas and McKim; Town Attorney Ries, Town Manager Cordek, Chief Anderson, Public Works Superintendent Sabina, Fire Marshal Stack and Marie Haller; Citizens as per the sign-in sheet.

CHIEFS REPORT

Chief Anderson provided an overview of his March Activity Report. He stated there was an assault and robbery, which resulted in an arrest of a family member. He also reported, one of two suspects was arrested and charged with a bank robbery that occurred on February 21, 2016.

Councilwoman Zachary asked the Chief to explain the definition of cleared offense. Chief Anderson shared that incidents marked as “cleared” indicates the offense is considered solved or resolved, requiring no further action.

Councilman McKim noted there were a moderate number of speeding violations reported. Chief Anderson discussed increased monitoring of Perry Highway and Pine Creek Road. He also discussed issues identified and addressed with PennDOT’s detour on Route 19, pointing out left turns are now prohibited for the purpose of reducing the speed of traffic.

Councilwoman Zachary asked a question about reported items pertaining to schools. Chief Anderson explained that officers routinely monitor the school parking lots; the report indicated officers monitored school parking lots 35 times in March.

Councilman Zachary discussed an email she recently forwarded to Council members that she received from a constituent pertaining to speeding issues on Kummer Road. Chief Anderson discussed this roadway and expressed concern regarding the current speed limit signage posted and commented that further review will be required. He noted this roadway is posted 25 mph with adjoining roads being 35 mph and stated he will contact the County to review the history of the posted speed limit to determine action to be taken.

NOTIFICATION
PROCLAMATION – RANIA PONTIKOS

The Committee was notified that a proclamation has been prepared for presentation to Rania Pontikos who saved a patron’s life at the New York Hot Dog Shop on Route 19 in the Town.

Councilman LeDonne proposed Council recognize Rania Pontikos for her heroic action, which ultimately saved a man’s life on February 26, 2016 when she performed the Heimlich Maneuver to restore his breathing due to choking. Ms. Pontikos will be invited and acknowledged at the April 25 Regular Business meeting.

Councilman McKim suggested posting this proclamation on the Town's website. Town Manager Cordek concurred and suggested providing a link to preventative educational materials, particularly in regards to the Heimlich Maneuver and other emergency first aid procedures. Chief Anderson suggested the Town consider utilization of the training information posted on the American Red Cross site.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Rita Martin, 10585 Grubbs Road, thanked Chief Anderson for his report, noting it was very informative. She suggested he consider providing the same report at the Regular Business Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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