

TOWN OF McCANDLESS
MINUTES – PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 2, 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 April Activity Report. He stated there were no burglaries to report. The initial wave of the aggressive driving enforcement program on Perry Highway will begin, with concentration beginning on the southern portion of Route 19 and the Wexford Flats. Officers will focus on addressing tailgating, lane changes and speed among other violations. In response a question posed by Councilman McKim, Chief stated he has observed a positive correlation between the visibility of police and the calming of traffic.

Councilman Walkauskas requested clarification regarding the school park and walk statistics reported. Chief Anderson clarified these numbers reported were the number of times officers monitored or parked in school parking lots. He also noted the school is pleased with this operation.

Chief Anderson reported there is new equipment and computer software being installed which primarily will be used for ticketing.

Councilman McKim asked questions pertaining to the Medical Marijuana Act recently legalized by the State. He asked if this medical marijuana program would change driving under the influence offenses; Chief explained it would not.

Councilwoman Zachary asked the Chief for updated information regarding the speed of vehicles traveling on Kummer Road. The Chief reported he and Public Works Superintendent Sabina have contacted Steven Smallhoover, P.E. of the Allegheny County, Department of Public Works, to discuss current signage. Chief Anderson discussed his findings and possible options to address speeding concerns. Changing the speed limit would require a statute change by the County, likely increasing the limit to 35 m.p.h., which would not provide the results being sought. Therefore, he recommends moving signs (if permissible by the County) to optimize effectiveness and keeping the speed limit set at 25 m.p.h. on this roadway.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

John Harrison, 1473 Hedwig Drive, asked for clarification the current signage and speed limit posted on the speed trailer. Chief Anderson reiterated his previous comments pertaining to the current signage and noted the speed trailer flashes when a vehicle is traveling 10 m.p.h. above the posted speed limit.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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