

TOWN OF McCANDLESS
MINUTES – COUNCIL’S PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 3, 2016 TOWN HALL

The meeting was called to order at 8:46 p.m. by Committee Chairman Walkauskas, with the following in attendance: Council Members Zachary, Aufman, Mertz, Powers, LeDonne and McKim. Others present: Town Attorney Ries, Town Manager Cordek, Public Works Superintendent Sabina, Zoning Officer/Land Use Administrator Betty, Fire Marshal Stack, John Bojarski, Communications Assistant, Marie Haller, Administrative Assistant and citizens as per the sign-in sheet.

FIRE MARSHAL’S REPORT

The Committee reviewed the Fire Marshal’s report for the month of August 2016. Fire Marshal Stack provided an overview of his report and remarked that August was a busy month with 64 calls, 466 year-to-date. He noted there was a bus accident on Peebles Road involving a fatality and a small fire at the La Roche campus on move-in day. Also noted, the fire companies provided the following fire prevention training in August:

- 1) Fire and Emergency Evacuation at the UPMC Passavant Child Care Facility
- 2) Fire Extinguisher Training to the La Roche College Student Assistance Team
- 3) Active Shooter Training with local police departments at the former Rave Cinemas

The Committee was reminded of the Services annual appreciation banquet to be held on November 19th at the Chadwick Banquet Hall. Reservations or questions regarding this event may be forwarded to the Fire Marshal’s office.

October is “Fire Prevention Month” and the Town’s Volunteer Firefighters will be canvassing the neighbors and visiting schools to heighten awareness of fire prevention. Fire Marshal Stack will provide further details of their activity at the next meeting.

DISCUSSION
TELEVISIONING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Committee discussed recording and televising Town meetings. Town Manager Cordek stated the request to broadcast Town meetings has been discussed on a couple of occasions which prompted him to ask John Bojarski to gather information for consideration.

Mr. Bojarski provided an overview of his memo to Council regarding the research he has gathered. The Committee discussed different types of equipment available, costs, benefits and various other factors for consideration. John provided examples of equipment being utilized by a few area municipalities and explained the systems vary from a small conference room with single microphone setup to large conference room with multiple cameras. He noted once the meetings are recorded a place to broadcast the recordings would need to be determined (i.e. You Tube, Facebook, EG Channel). Town Manager Cordek confirmed North Allegheny School District’s local access channel team has expressed willingness to air recordings different days and times, but are unable to provide resources to film the meetings.

Town Manager Cordek clarified funding is not budgeted for equipment for 2016. The AV equipment budgeted is allocated for a projector and monitor for the meeting rooms.

Brian Moreth, 919 Cumberland, inquired if there would be copyright issues broadcasting meetings involving development plans as they are protected documents.

**NOTIFICATION
NORTHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY 2017 BUDGET**

The Committee was notified that the Northland Public Library has distributed its 2017 budget, which includes 3.5% increase. The Committee agreed to authorize the requested amount of \$645,417.00 to be inserted into the Town's final budget, which is scheduled for approval on December 19, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

Committee Chairman Walkauskas adjourned the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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