

**BOROUGH OF CARROLL VALLEY  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2005 – 7 PM**

**BOROUGH OFFICE**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Wolf at 7 PM. Those in attendance were:

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Tom Wolf  
Kristin Jones  
Neal Abrams  
Neal Wuethrich  
Jim Becraft, Ex Officio  
Absent:  
Jeff Frank

**BOROUGH OFFICIALS:**

Dave Hazlett  
Borough Manager  
Richard L. Hileman  
Chief of Police  
Jo Ann Myers  
Recording Secretary

**ITEM #1.0-APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the January 10, 2005 meeting were distributed for review.

**ACTION-** A Motion to accept the Minutes of the January 10, 2005 as submitted was made by N. Wuethrich, and seconded by K. Jones. The Motion carried.

**ITEM #2.0-OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

There was nothing brought before the Committee.

**ITEM #3.0-EMC COORDINATOR**

R. Hileman reported that attorney Tom Campbell is in the process of forming a legal agreement for the EMA.

**ITEM #4.0-NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

K. Jones did not have any new information on this project.

**ITEM #5.0-NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

K. Jones reported that National Night Out will be held on August 2, 2005, and she said she is hoping for some feedback from the community. She said a police department contact person is needed and she asked Chief Hileman to appoint one of his officers. Ms. Jones has registered the Borough for this event and distributed a list of suggested activities for the event. She said she spoke to the Lions Club about using the park on this evening and they agreed to change their meeting date.

**ITEM #6.0-BUMPS AND HUMPS**

K. Jones reported she met with Councilman Semiatin and it was agreed that trying a temporary speed hump on Sunfish Trail would be a good idea to see how beneficial it would be and how well accepted it would be by the community. She said she spoke to the Fairfield

School District to see if there was any money available from the Safe routes To School Grant, but there was not. She said if we decide to install the temporary hump this year we need to find funding. Otherwise, we can apply for a grant before the August deadline but no money would be available until next year. N. Wuethrich reported that he went to Thomas Johnson High School in Frederick recently and drove over their humps with his car and also a motor coach at 25 mph, and experienced no problem. He said the school told him they have no problem with winter weather conditions. A temporary speed hump would cost approximately \$2,500 and this expenditure could be put into the Budget for next year. N. Wuethrich also suggested contacting D. L. George & Son to see if they would be interested in donating some money for this purpose. T. Wolf added that he is working with Eric Flynn at Ski Liberty and there is a possibility the Borough may receive an annual cash grant. K. Jones suggested asking Ski Liberty if we could borrow their temporary speed humps which they use on the back side of the mountain during ski season. N. Abrams suggested asking the various speed hump companies if they have any loaner humps we could try and K. Jones offered to look into that idea.

#### **ITEM #7.0-PAID FIRE DEPARTMENT**

N. Abrams addressed the problem with declining volunteer firefighters in Fairfield and he said he wanted to make sure the Committee and the Borough Council understands the magnitude of the problem. He went on to explain how volunteer fire departments work in rural Pennsylvania and the problem with declining volunteers. He said there is a real need for a paid fire department and he said he thought the Borough Council should do something about it. He said that many of the well trained volunteers are being hired by paid companies leaving Fairfield and community short staffed. He added that Fairfield has 2 paid EMTs at a cost of about \$52,000 per year, and that a paid fire and EMS company would cost around 1.2 million dollars a year. J. Becraft suggested that Mr. Abrams attend the Joint Planning Committee where this topic is already being discussed with Fountaindale, Cashtown, Fairfield, and Carroll Valley. J. Becraft added that this concern is being addressed in the Five Year Comprehensive Plan as well.

#### **ITEM #8.0-4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY CELEBRATION**

Staci George from the Gettysburg Times was present and she gave a report on the planned events. She said Ron Harris is working on donations for fireworks. K. Jones asked D. Hazlett to check with attorney Campbell on the liability coverage. T. Wolf added that any safety issue should come before the Committee.

#### **ITEM #9.0-SKI LIBERTY PROJECTS**

T. Wolf said he spoke to Eric Flynn about widening the road on SR 116 and Sanders Road. He said there may be a problem with Adams Electric equipment at that location, so they are looking into that situation. R. Hileman added that a turn lane would be good and that Ski Liberty may pay for a turn signal there, with the Borough paying the maintenance on the signal. It was thought that the light would cost between \$80,000-\$100,000. R. Hileman added that there is a possibility we may be able to get a speed reduction between Ski Run Trail and Sanders Road.

R. Hileman reported that the algae is getting bad at Lake Kay and the Borough Council will be asked to put money into next years budget for an aerator. Use of an aerator would reduce the need for chemicals somewhat, but some would still be needed. He said that chemicals are needed now since the algae are getting bad.

K. Jones asked what is being done about the walkway along Ski Run Trail. She said it is not safe for walkers and people pushing strollers. She said if Ski Liberty has decided not to build some type of walkway, the Borough needs to do it. R. Hileman added that the Roads, Parks, and Municipal Services Committee had talked about this problem but decided to try to deter people from walking in that area due to the danger.

**ACTION-** K. Jones asked D. Hazlett to ask the Borough Council to put money into the budget for this purpose, and to find the cost estimates for the project. She asked that he also figure out how much of the work can be done by Municipal Services, and how much of the work would have to be contracted out.

#### **ITEM #10-UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

J. Becraft distributed several news articles. One entitled “Liberty Wants to Shed Junky Look” addressed the problem with garbage and junked cars sitting around. He said we have an Ordinance which addresses junky areas and he referred to the area at SR 116 and Blue Gill Trail where there have been two pieces of equipment sitting for about 7 months. He said that several months ago he had asked the Code Enforcement Officer to do something about it, but Mr. Rodriguez advised that work is still being done at that location. Mr. Becraft said this violates two ordinances and K. Jones added that one piece of equipment appears to be used as storage for other things. R. Hileman said he will speak to H. Rodriguez again and ask him to follow up on it.

N. Abrams addressed trash and abandoned vehicles on Skylark Trail. K. Jones added that she believes fines should be issued.

J. Becraft referred to another article entitled “Fire Chief – Keep Controlled Burns Safe”. He said his neighbors have been doing a lot of burning and the smoke comes in through his windows. He said that Bicky Redman said there is a State regulation which states that if smoke cannot be contained on one’s property it is an illegal burn. He suggested we change our Ordinance to prohibit controlled burning. He said that prior to our next meeting he will obtain the exact language from Ms. Redman as is stated in the State regulation.

T. Wolf addressed the issue of the police officers using their new Tasers. R. Hileman explained the necessity recently for one of his officers to use their Taser on an uncooperative subject. Mr. Wolf suggested that Chief Hileman bring any equipment which may be controversial before the Committee in the future.

#### **ITEM #12-ESTABLISHMENT OF NEXT MEETING DATE**

It was agreed that the next meeting date would be Wednesday, July 6, 2005 at 7 PM.

**ITEM #13-ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

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Jo Ann T. Myers, Recording Secretary