

**BOROUGH OF CARROLL VALLEY
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 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
Jeff Frank
Neal Wuethrich
Jim Becraft

BOROUGH OFFICIALS:

Richard L. Hileman, II
Interim Borough Mgr.
Jo Ann Myers
Recording Secretary

ITEM #2-APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2004 MINUTES

The Minutes of the aforementioned meeting were distributed for approval.

ACTION- A Motion to accept the Minutes as submitted was made by N. Wuethrich, seconded by K. Jones. The Motion carried.

ITEM #3- OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There was nothing brought forth.

ITEM #4-EMC COORDINATOR – MEETING WITH HAMILTOBAN AND LIBERTY

It was agreed that someone other than R. Hileman should act as EM Coordinator for Carroll Valley since he is the Chief of Police. Mr. Hileman reported on the Emergency Management Meeting held on October 18, 2004 at the Hamiltonban Township Business Office where representatives from Carroll Valley, Liberty Township, Hamiltoban Township, and Fairfield Borough were present. A draft Agreement was written for review and if all municipalities agree attorney Tom Campbell will finalize the Agreement. Hamitonban will be providing the office space and personnel to conduct the business affairs and payroll. R. Hileman added that Donald Wills may act as the Regional EM Coordinator and if so he will be appointed by the Governor. It was also suggested that perhaps Dan Patton would be of assistance since he is experienced in this area.

J. Becraft asked J. Myers to make copies of the State Plan from Borough News for Committee members.

ITEM #5-NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

K. Jones reported that we were given \$500 from XXX ?? for ??? She said we may have a Bar-B-Q jointly with Fairfield Borough sometime in August, and ask for donations of food.

ITEM #6-WIDEN SANDERS ROAD AT SR 116

Widening Sanders Road and adding a right hand lane for traffic turning towards Fairfield was discussed. Ski Liberty advised they would donate money for this project.

ITEM #7-CRIME STOPPER SIGNS

J. Becraft reported that a representative from Crime Stoppers was present at the last Council meeting and explained their reward for information which leads to the apprehension and conviction of a perpetrator of a crime. They were asking Carroll Valley to post Crime Stopper signs at various locations throughout the Borough. R. Hileman provided a list of nine possible locations. The purpose of Neighborhood Watch was also explained and discussed. R. Hileman added that he believes the Borough should promote Crime Stoppers in some fashion.

ACTION- After much discussion it was agreed to ask the Borough Council to approve posting three Crime Stopper signs; one at the Borough Office and one at each end of the Borough.

ITEM #8-MORE POLICE

J. Becraft reported that the Borough Council has approved hiring another full-time police officer. R. Hileman explained the requirements of the Civil Service procedures for doing so. He said that after the testing is completed the Borough Council will receive three candidates from which to choose.

ITEM #9-BUMPS AND HUMPS

K. Jones reported that she met with T. Weikert from Municipal Services and R. Holmes from the Parks, Recreation & Municipal Services Advisory Committee to discuss speed bumps/humps. She explained the difference between the two. Ms. Jones said there are grants available for the speed humps. She said she would like to ask the Borough Council to approve purchasing two portable speed humps at a total cost of \$14,000 which includes installation if the grant money can be obtained. She said she would like to install one temporary hump on Sunfish Trail on a trial basis for one year. If residents on that trail believe the hump has been beneficial a permanent hump could then be installed there and the portable one moved to another location on a second trial basis. Warning signs would have to be erected and N. Wuethrich suggested consulting our solicitor to check on the Borough's liability.

ACTION- After discussion it was agreed by consensus to ask the Borough Council to approve purchasing the two speed humps if grant monies can be obtained.

ITEM #10-UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was nothing brought up under this item.

ITEM #11-NEW BUSINESS

Ron Harris presented ideas for an Old Fashioned 4th of July Celebration. He said he would like to see a joint effort with Carroll Valley and Fairfield Borough for a 4th of July celebration at Carroll Commons. He provided a list of ideas for games, entertainment, food and fireworks.

ACTION- After much discussion it was agreed this would be a good idea, and the Committee asked Mr. Harris to first contact the fireworks people and see if a suitable location for the fireworks can be designated; perhaps at Ski Liberty mountain.

ITEM #11-NEW BUSINESS

R. Hileman explained that we have three years left with our Police contract with Fairfield Borough. There is a possibility we could get Hamiltonban Township sometime in the future. Everyone was in favor of regionalization and expanding our coverage area. R. Hileman said that we could sell Hamiltonban a certain number of police hours per week. He said we currently have no Sergeant positions but one could be added in the future and that due to the number of officers we have we fall under Civil Service requirements for testing. We will be hiring another full-time officer sometime within the next couple of months.

N. Abrams said that during the ski season Ski Liberty hosts approximately 160,000 people with a 90 day time period, and the Fire/Ambulance Company had difficulty handling the number of calls there as well as routine calls in other parts of the area. He said that Ski Liberty has not contributed any money to the Fire/Ambulance Company and he went to them and asked for funds and they declined. Instead, they opted to call in a private ambulance company. Fairfield now backs up the private company. He said he foresees a paid fire company in the future at a cost of approximately 1.2 million a year.

ITEM #12-ESTABLISHMENT OF NEXT MEETING DATE

The Public Safety Committee will be again on Monday, April 11, 2005 at 7 PM

ITEM #13-ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9 PM.

Jo Ann T. Myers, Recording Secretary