

**BOROUGH OF CARROLL VALLEY
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, December 12, 2016 – 7 PM
BOROUGH OFFICE**

MINUTES

Chairman Ron Harris called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Those in attendance were as follows:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Present:

Ron Harris, Chairman
Brian Wheeler
Dan Patton
Anthony Golden
Andrew Aldrich
John Svalina

Absent:

Janis Ashman

BOROUGH OFFICIALS:

Present:

Gayle R. Marthers, Borough Secretary
Clifford Weikert, Police Corporal

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 8, 2014 MEETING

The Minutes of the aforementioned meeting were distributed for approval.

***A. Golden moved, seconded by A. Aldrich to approve the Minutes as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Bruce Carr, 92 Eagles Trail addressed members regarding the intersection of Eagles and Thrush Trails. The allowed right turn from Thrush Trail can be dangerous; Mr. Carr asked members to consider a 3-Way Stop.

Mr. John Hawk, 78 Bluebird Trail agreed with Mr. Carr and shared the same issue at the intersection of Valley and Winter Trails.

OLD BUSINESS

2016 Police Report – Corporal Weikert provided a brief review outlining the Department's activities. Members accepted without discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Responsibilities. Mr. Pyles, Councilman, addressed Members regarding the committee's membership, attendance policies and reviewed a 2014 list of recommended responsibilities. Considerable discussion ensued with the following issues included:

- Reduce number of members
 - Not fill the 2 current vacancies and 1 expected vacancy (Janis submitted her resignation)

- Mr. Aldridge offered to step off the committee as a regular voting member with the suggestion that the Borough Emergency Management Coordinator who is appointed by the Fairfield Regional Emergency Management Agency (FREMA) be added as an ex officio member without voting rights
- Attendance Policy
 - Follow proposed policy of Planning Commission
 - 3 Unexcused absences within 12 months may result in loss of seat
 - 50% absence ratio over 2 years may result in loss of seat
 - 3 missed meetings – reach out to member regarding their intent
- Only meeting when needed and not having a regular schedule
- What issues are appropriate for the Public Safety Committee and should the Committee take formal action on those issues? For example, if there is a question about the health safety of raising chickens in the community would it be appropriate for this committee to research, discuss and render an opinion to Borough Council?

After the discussion the following action was taken:

***A. Aldrich moved; D. Patton seconded that the Public Safety Committee membership be modified to reduce membership to 5 voting members and 1 non-voting member which will be filled by the inclusion of the Emergency Management Coordinator as an ex officio member. Motion passed unanimously.

2017 Meeting Schedule. Members accepted the 2017 meeting schedule as presented by Mayor Harris by consensus.

Adams County Drought Watch. Mayor Harris shared that the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection has recently added Adams County to the list of those in the State Drought Watch area. All residents are asked to take measures to conserve water.

FREMA. Mayor Harris asked that this issue be tabled until the next meeting due to the late hour. Members agreed by consensus.

Emergency Operations Center. Mayor Harris reported that the EOC will be located in the new municipal building's conference room. There are plans for FREMA to utilize this space in 2017.

Emergency Action Plan. Mayor Harris shared a copy of the document that FREMA is suggesting be completed for each large public event held in the Borough. Members accepted the document by consensus.

Concealed Weapons Seminar. Mayor Harris announced that Senator Alloway will be hosting a Concealed Weapons Seminar on September 30, 2017 in the Fairfield Fire/EMS Community Room. Mr. Golden shared that he had attended a previous seminar and highly recommended everyone attend.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Bruce Carr, 92 Eagles Trail asked if the members would support a monthly meeting of the chairpersons of each committee to engage in information sharing. Member agreed that the idea was a good one; Mayor Harris pledged his support and agreed to attend as chair of the Public Safety Committee if such a group were to meet.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held on February 27, 2017.

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 8:10PM

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle R. Marthers, Borough Secretary