**Public Safety Committee Meeting**

Minutes of October 16, 2018

The Safety Committee Meeting convened at 6:15 PM in Council Chambers, located in Borough Hall, 237 7th St., West Easton.

In attendance was Committee member Matthew Dees, Committee member David Bolash, and Mayor Dan DePaul. Matthew Dees was acting Chairperson as assigned Chairperson Desiree Lake was unable to attend due to employment commitments.

West Easton Police Consultant, Mr. Robert Mahady, attended as a guest of the Safety Committee.

**Matters Discussed:**

The Safety Committee sought from Mr. Mahady, the status of progress in moving forward with the future West Easton Police Department.

Mr. Mahady informed the Committee that West Easton is now officially listed as a Law Enforcement Agency with The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and that his own requirements with DHS have been met.

The Committee requested Mr. Mahady now provide a list of items needed to roll out the part-time police department. The list would prioritize equipment needed in order of importance.

It was suggested by the Committee that Mr. Mahady work with Mayor DePaul during this process, but Council would rely mainly on Mr. Mahady’s recommendations of the equipment needed and the suppliers to purchase from, when ready for presentation to the full Council. Both will also work with the Finance Committee on budget impact.

**Conclusion:**

Though Council is now in a position to justify purchases of equipment, it should be noted that the needs are extensive and there is still work to be done on the police station itself. It was stressed to Mr. Mahady that his safety and that of any future hires is a priority, before his recommending going “active” with the part-time police department.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM**