**Public Safety Committee Meeting**

Minutes of June 25, 2019

The Safety Committee Meeting convened at 5:00 PM in Council Chambers, located in Borough Hall, 237 7th St., West Easton.

In attendance were Committee members Matthew Dees, David Bolash, and Janie Jones Brown. Matthew Dees was acting Chairperson.

At 5:05 PM, the Safety Committee, seeing no public in attendance, unanimously agreed to recess the meeting and reconvene at the Police Station, located at 301 6th St., West Easton, to meet with Police Consultant, Mr. Robert Mahady on location, and provide an opportunity for Ms. Jones Brown to familiarize herself with the building.

The Safety Committee reconvened at 5:10 PM.

**Matters Discussed:**

The Safety Committee touched upon many issues with Mr. Mahady. Forms to be used by officers, uniform patches, badges, starting pay for new hires, reimbursement of uniform/vest costs, securing evidence, progress of manuals and procedural guidelines, suspect restraining bench, radios needed, report filing system to be used, limits of Mayoral control per PA Title 8, and a possible Informational Meeting with a PSAB expert to provide an orientation to Mayor and Council regarding the Police and Local Government relationship.

 **Determinations**

Forms, procedures, and manuals are 75% completed, per Mr. Mahady. Evidence security, officer wages, and reimbursement of uniform/vest costs will be discussed during an Executive Session of Council. Uniform patches, badges, and radios were previously approved expenses and will be purchased by Mr. Mahady. The restraining bench may be a donation and Mr. Mahady will investigate further. The reports filing system will start as paper and convert to electronic at a future date.

The proposal of an informational Meeting will be brought before the Council, only when the cost and availability is known. Mr. Mahady will attempt to contact the individual in an effort to obtain that information.

Mr. Mahady will advise Council on July 8th, as to the readiness of the Police Department.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM**