



Borough of Lansdale  
Public Safety Committee  
Minutes  
June 2, 2021  
6:15 pm  
Zoom

**Attendees:**

Mary Fuller  
Meg Currie Teoh  
Andrew Carrol  
Michael Trail  
Garry Herbert  
Mark Ladly  
Michael Hopper  
Kristen Christian  
Rob Kirkner

Meeting called to order at 6:18 pm

**I. Old Business:**

- A. The committee approved the PS meeting minutes from May 2021 PS Meeting by a vote of 3-0**
- B. North Line Street speed study: Chief Trail advised the committee the speed study for North Line Street was not complete but would be done this month and reported back during the July PS meeting.**
- C. Review of Parking & Traffic concerns on Vine Street at S. Wood Street: The chief advised the committee that he met with Mr. Hopper at the intersection of South Wood and Vine and reviewed the intersection. The meeting resulted in the installation of a stop sign at the intersection for southbound traffic on Wood at Vine.**

**II. New Business:**

- A. The committee reviewed and approved the Special Event Application for First Friday Events by Discover Lansdale beginning on 7/2/2021 through 11/4/2021 by a vote of 3-0.**
- B. The committee reviewed and approved the Special Event Application for FFCO Under the Lights Car Show for 9/25/2021 from 2 pm until 11 pm by a vote of 3-0.**

- C. The committee reviewed and approved the Handicap Parking Permit request for 412 Columbia Ave by a vote of 3-0. Once the prepare and advertise is completed the signs will be installed sometime in July.
- D. The chief led a discussion on police staffing and hiring in which he related the department is currently staffed with 24 officers working and one officer on disability leave who is not expected to return. The chief further advised in February of 2022 two more officers will become eligible to retire from the force. At this time, it is not clear if they will retire but one officer has indicated they are seriously considering doing so. Currently, there are two candidates remaining on the eligibility list.

The chief briefly explained that while there would be an increase cost to the PD's budget it could be offset in 2022 with the retirement of the two officers who have higher salaries than new officers. By the end of 2020 there would be an actual reduction in cost to the budget.

All the committee members voiced support and Mary Fuller made a motion to forward the matter to full council. The committee did request the chief prepare a brief report for council on the financial impact of this hiring on the 2021 and 2022 budgets.

### III. Public Comment

Kristen Christian commented on her concerns for intersection of E. Seventh Street and Chestnut Street following a crash recently where one of the vehicles landed on her property. The chief related to Mrs. Christian he is aware of the intersection, having lived on Chestnut Street, and would add it to the list of areas for targeted enforcement.

Rob Kirkner commented on a Right to Know Request (RTK) for all accidents in the west ward. Chief Trail advised they police department does not keep crash data by wards but rather individually for each location relating that the RTK was not crafted specifically enough to be processed. Kirkner, he related he wanted to make sure the borough was keeping accurate crash data as the MUTCD sets forth warrants for stop signs at intersections supported by crash data. The chief said he would gather crash data for specific locations if Kirkland wanted to be more specific. The intersections of Perkiomen Ave. and Towamencin and Richardson were picked and crash data for those intersections will be presented at the next PS meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

Choose an item.