

BOROUGH OF LEMOYNE

Emergency Management and Public Safety Committee

MEETING MINUTES

October 5, 2009

1. **Call to Order** – The bi-monthly meeting of the Lemoyne Borough Emergency Management and Public Safety Committee was called to order on Wednesday, October 5, 2009, at 5:05 pm, at the Lemoyne Municipal Building, with Committee Chair Dr. John Judson presiding.
2. **Attendance** – Committee member Judith McAllister was present. Jodie Ruediger was not able to attend. Also present were Maintenance Manager John Paden and Borough Manager Robert Ihlein.
3. **Visitor's and Citizen's Comments** – Jamie Anderson of 645 Hummel Ave. was present with her husband and two daughters. The family was upset because one of the daughters was almost struck by a moving vehicle while she was in a designated crosswalk on Hummel Ave. and while the school bus was stopped with its flashing lights on. The incident was reported to the West Shore Regional Police Department and to the school district, but no one was able to get a vehicle license number. There seems to be many vehicles speeding on this street. Mrs. Anderson asked if a Stop sign could be placed at the intersection of Seventh and Hummel. Hummel is a state road, and PennDOT does not approve of Stop signs as a way to control speeding. The WSRPD has been out recently with their NRAD device to catch speeders, and they have issued tickets. Hopefully the WSRPD will continue to monitor this area. Mrs. Anderson has put in a request to the school district so children do not have to cross this street to get on the bus.
4. **Old Business**
 - a. Meeting held on August 3, 2009 – The Committee did hold a brief meeting on that date. A group of residents from the neighborhood near the Borough Building had requested the Committee to take a walk with them to see some of the problems and issues they are dealing with. The problems and issues included bad behavior by property owners and renters, wild cats and skunks, and properties not being cared for by their owners or tenants. Code Enforcement Officer John Paden was in attendance, and will see what he can do to get property owners to cut down high weeds.
 - b. Pilot project using orange flags for pedestrian crossings – Some people are using the flags placed at Twelfth and Market and Third and Market Streets to help cross the intersection

safely. However, the flags are slowing being stolen. Mr. Paden will remove the flags as the winter weather approaches.

- c. Crossing Guards – Sharon Shreiner was hired and started at the beginning of the new school year.
- d. Resolution for Pre-emption Devices on new traffic signal installations – This resolution was requested by Miss McAllister, and was adopted by Council in August.
- e. H1N1 Virus and Flu Season – Dr. Judson has been keeping up with news reports. The Borough does not need to take action at this point in time.
- f. Public health risk cases – Public Health Officer Jack O’Neill had to condemn three properties over the summer as public health risks. All three have been remediated to his satisfaction.
- g. Chloromine – Council had received a request to send a letter to our state legislators to ask for a public hearing on the issue of using Chloromine in drinking water supplies. Council did approve sending the letter after a second request was made via a letter signed by a number of Borough residents.

5. Updates

- a. West Shore Regional Police Department – Dr. Judson is a member of the Commission, and gave a brief update. They are still in the process of interviewing for a Chief. Mr. Fred Zeplin, a Lemoyne resident, was recently appointed to the Commission. They recently hired one new full time officer, but a part time officer has resigned. Mayor Byrem is also serving on the Commission.
- b. West Shore Bureau of Fire – Dr. Judson and Miss McAllister are serving as members of this Commission. Ms. McAllister noted that the Fire Protection Evaluation report delivered on Sept 4, 2009, and will be discussed in depth at the next Commission meeting on October 12th. The public is invited to attend.
- c. **NOTE:** Borough 2010 Budget meeting on police, fire and ambulance scheduled for Thursday, October 15th at 4:30 pm

6. New Business

- a. Joint Emergency Management and Public Safety Committee – Having a joint Committee with Wormleysburg Borough sounds like a good idea since we already share Police and

Fire services. Mr. Ihlein will contact the Wormleysburg Borough Manager to see if a meeting can be arranged to discuss this.

- b. Appointment of a new Local Emergency Management Coordinator – Lemoyne is in need of a new Coordinator since Ron Frank is no longer able to serve in that capacity. Charles Gipe of Lemoyne has been serving on the LEM team, and submitted his resume in consideration. The Committee is in favor of his appointment. This should be discussed with representatives from Wormleysburg. Ultimately, the person needs to be appointed by a Resolution of Council, sent to the County Department of Public Safety, who in turn sends it to the Governor's office for approval.
 - c. Letter from Jamie Anderson of Hummel Ave. requesting a Stop Sign at 7th and Hummel – Mrs. Anderson and her family visited the Committee as described under Visitor's Comments. The Committee instructed Mr. Ihlein to send the school district a letter saying that children should not have to cross a state road to get on or off a bus.
 - d. Upcoming Safe Driver Course – Dr. Judson has arranged with AARP for a driver training class designed for older drivers. It will be held in the Borough Building on October 24 and 30. They need at least 10 people to sign up. A County Para Transit vehicle will also be on hand for people to become familiar with their services.
 - e. County Hazard Mitigation Plan – Mr. Ihlein reported the County Department of Public Safety is engaged in updating this plan. The Borough can benefit if a hazard that can mitigated is identified in the plan and become come eligible for state or federal funding.
 - f. PAWS – This animal organization made a presentation to Council about their feline Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) Program. PAWS will contract with local municipalities to run a program if there is a feral cat colony problem. There may be a cat problem in Lemoyne, but probably no money in the budget to have PAWS address the issue.
7. **Next Meeting** - The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Monday, December 7 at 5:00 pm.
8. **Adjournment** – With no further business, Dr. Judson adjourned the meeting at 6:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Ihlein, Borough Manager