

**MINUTES OF THE HANOVER BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**June 7, 2021 at 6:00 PM**

Chairman Roland convened the meeting of the Hanover Borough Council Public Safety Committee at 6:00 PM, Monday, June 7, 2021 in the Hanover Municipal Building, 44 Frederick Street, Hanover, PA.

**Attendance:** Present were Committee Members Funk, Lockard, Pranses, Roland and Mayor Whitman; Council Members Lockard and Rupp; Staff Members Manager Dunford, Secretary Felix, Public Works Director Grimm, and Police Chief Martin. Fire Chief Clouser was unavailable to be present this evening due to a fire call.

**Public Comment:**

- Jan Crystal, 425 George Street - Mr. Crystal asked for speed "humps" on George Street. He stated is he is dissatisfied with the options given for remedies, from previous meetings. He reiterated his opinion that it is very dangerous to park along George Street due to speeding vehicles.

Public Works Supt. Grimm noted the area does not warrant speed humps. The Police Chief has collected data from the signs, and the next step would be to paint lines, however the traffic paint is currently unavailable due to lingering COVID implications.

Police Chief Martin noted the data collected shows the median speed between 25 to 30 mph on this section of George Street, which is within the acceptable range at a speed limit of 25 mph. He stressed the limited number of police officers available for concentrated enforcement in one particular area; noting there are many other areas in the Borough where there are more significant issues.

Mayor Whitman stated speeding is a problem all over the Borough. She pointed out specifically that the Clearview Fire Station is along this area of George Street, and speed humps may not be the best answer.

Mr. Roland asked if the speed sign data could be sent to the Mayor to provide to Mr. Crystal.

Mr. Crystal exited the meeting.

- Tim Seitz, 230 Primrose Lane - Mr. Seitz asked if the "No Outlet" sign on Primrose Lane could be moved closer to the intersection of Dart Drive to alert drivers that this portion of Primrose Lane is not a through street. He suggested perhaps switching the

“Neighborhood Watch” sign and the “No Outlet” sign so no new signposts would need to be installed. Public Works Supt. Grimm will review the situation and switch the signs if feasible.

Mr. Seitz thanked the Committee and exited the meeting.

- Police Chief Martin alerted the Committee about a complaint from Dr. Singer regarding a high number of vehicular accidents at the corner of York Street and East Walnut Street. Chief Martin stated that since 2016 there have been 18 accidents here, mainly proceeding without proper clearance. Chief Martin gave statistics on all types of accidents occurring at this intersection. He would like to implement a possible time restriction at the intersections of York and Walnut; Baltimore and Walnut; and Frederick and Franklin Streets for no left turns between 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM. He will proceed with same and report back progress to the Committee. Mayor Whitman also noted there is a similar concern at the intersection of Broadway and Wilson Avenue. Public Works Supt. Grimm noted that PennDOT will address this intersection with the upcoming paving of Broadway.

**Approval of the Minutes:** It was moved by Mrs. Funk, seconded by Mayor Whitman to approve the minutes of April 5, 2021. Motion carried.

- Mr. Brian Fuentes, 332 East Middle Street asked if the traffic data collection was available to the general public. Chief Martin noted that the traffic study is PennDOT protocol and is protected data. Mr. Fuentes suggested information could be projected better to the public through social media or newsletters.
- Mayor Whitman reported that there are problems with people placing perishable items in public food donation boxes. This issue was reported at the Episcopal Church on Clearview Road. The Committee suggested a friendly notification to the church to apprise them of the problem.
- Police Chief Martin reported that there were recent vandalism and trash issues at the Baer Avenue Playground. Public Works Supt. Grimm stated that their crews are cleaning up the area.

**TRG Traffic Study:** Public Works Supt. Grimm noted Council accepted the traffic study for elimination of the advance crosswalks in the downtown adjacent Center Square and requested left turn phasing in all directions of the square. The study will be submitted to PennDOT with approximate cost of permitting, plans, etc. in the amount of \$50,000.


- Mrs. Funk received concerns from citizens about possible interference of drones with helicopters at the Hospital. Chief Martin stated that drones are regulated by the FAA, and that larger drones require FAA certification. Manager Dunford will look into the matter and get an answer for Mrs. Funk.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Roland wished Chief Clousher a safe return from his duties this evening.

It was moved by Mrs. Funk, seconded by Ms. Pranses to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 PM.  
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Dorothy C. Felix  
Borough Secretary