A regular meeting of the Community Development and Public Safety Committee was held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at the Kutztown Municipal Building, 45 Railroad Street.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mr. George Kusterer, Chairperson. Members present were Mr. George Kusterer, Dr. Derek Mace, and Ms. Arabel Elliott. Also present: Mr. Craig Summers, Chief of Police; Mr. James Schlegel, Mayor; Mr. Gabriel Khalife, Borough Manager; Ms. Michele Lopez, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer for the Borough of Kutztown; and Mr. Eric Boyer, Recording Secretary.

Public Attendance: Ms. Sandy Green, representing Kutztown Community Partnership; Mr. Michael Russo, Fire Chief; Mr. Donny Batista, Deputy Fire Chief; Mr. Benjamin E. Hoffman representing Kutztown Area School District & Kutztown Fire Department; Mr. Rodney Freeman representing Kutztown Area Transport Service; Ms. Kas Brittenburg with Kutztown Fire Department; Ms. Lisa Ladd-Kidder, Councilwoman and, Borough residents Mr. Jason Englehart; Mrs. Joanne Englehart

PUBLIC COMMENTS:
There were no comments from the public.

KUTZTOWN FIRE & RESCUE:
Chief Russo informed the committee that the KFD’s original horse drawn pumper arrived in town today and would be relocated with escort to the department’s facility at 310 Noble St.

Ms. Kas Brittenburg presented a proposal for an arts program to paint fire hydrants around town that have been left with little or no maintenance. Chief Russo was supportive of this given their limited man hours to work on maintenance, with the caveat that the proper pressure rating of the hydrant can be identified. Will be moved through the Public Art Process managed by the Community Development Office.

Chief Russo reported the department responded to 57 calls for service in April 11 so far in May, for a total of 256 year to date. In comparison, their total call volume for 2021 calendar year was 589.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:
Chief Russo and Mr. Freeman expressed their concerns for emergency access to the North Park property, Maxatawny Township’s wastewater facility, and the county radio facilities. The replacement or alternate access to the area should be made a priority due to concerns for brush fires, and medical care for people who hike the hill side.

REVIEW AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES:
Members reviewed the April 12, 2022 Committee meeting minutes. Motion by Dr. Mace and seconded by Ms. Elliott to approve the April 12, 2022 minutes as written. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

PLANNING AND ZONING:
Ms. Lopez stated that AD Moyer is moving forward with plans for showroom building. Her office has not received applications yet for start. 40 Willow has submitted applications to turning part of the property into an event space, they have been initially denied due to the request needing to go through the zoning hearing board first. Ms. Lopez is waiting on Keystone for paperwork necessary to process the special exemptions needed for the Keith Haring Exercise Park. Ms. Lopez stated she is also waiting on final plans for the Elm St. Apartment development.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:
- **DCR Report – March 2022**
Ms. Lopez reviewed the report. There were no questions or comments. She expects grass/weed complaints to increase with the start of the season.

Ms. Lopez discussed the comments from Chief Summers and Chief Russo for the proposed Fireworks Ordinance. Motion by Dr. Mace and seconded by Ms. Elliott to move ordinance to council approval for advertisement following the incorporation of commented changes. Ms. Ladd-Kidder posed several questions which were discussed around. Mr. Khalife stated that all state and federal guidelines shall be complied with. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:
- **Monthly Report – March 2022**
Ms. Lopez reviewed the report. There were no questions or comments.

KCP/MAIN STREET:
Ms. Green and Mr. Hoffman presented the final design for the mural on the side of the Kutztown Fire Company at 310 Noble St. He expects to start the work in June. Motion by Dr. Mace and seconded by Ms. Elliott to bring to council for approval. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:
- **Incidents Reported – Year to Date 2022**
Chief Summers reviewed the report. There were no questions or comments.
- **Arrest Report – Year to Date 2022**
Chief Summers reviewed the report. Arrests are up, but this is a nationwide trend. Minor discussion around.
- **Reportable Crimes – April 2022**
Chief Summers reviewed the report. There were no questions or comments.
- **College Blvd. Traffic Study**
Chief Summers reviewed study to decrease posted speed along the roadway in the Borough as well as in the township. Motion by Dr. Mace and seconded by Ms. Elliott to move to council contingent upon Maxatawny Township formally agreeing to complete the change. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

MAYOR’S REPORT:
Mayor Schlegel reported that the Kutztown Area School District Superintendent, Chief Summers and himself had visited several businesses in the Borough which sell vape and tobacco products regarding issues the school district had noted with minors in possession of prohibited products.

OFF AGENDA:
Ms. Green brought up that the former airport property in the township was put back on the market.
Dr. Mace and Mr. Kusterer thanked Ms. Elliott for her service as Councilwoman and wished her the best in her future endeavors.

**ADJOURNMENT:**
With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Dr. Mace and seconded by Ms. Elliott to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.