

Borough of Carlisle
Workshop Meeting Minutes
August 5, 2020

This meeting was held via Zoom due to the restrictions of social distancing put in place do to Covid-19.

Present at the meeting: Councilors Crampsie, Fulham-Winston, Hicks, Landis, Deputy Mayor Shultz, Mayor Scott and Stuby. Also present were: Borough Manager Armstrong, Assistant Borough Manager Snyder, Water Resources Director Malarich, Community Development Manager Skelly, Police Chief Landis, Fire Chief Snyder, Human Resource Supervisor Hamilton, Public Information Coordinator Taylor and Borough Secretary Stone.

I. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Scott called the Workshop Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Citizens to be Heard

- A. Ms. Stephanie Patterson-Gilbert, owner of Georgie Lou’s Retro Candy at 56 West High Street, Carlisle Pennsylvania and President of Destination Carlisle, provided a reminder that the Destination Carlisle Summer Bucket List was due and the winners will be chosen. She announced a progressive web app was released that provides a virtual guide to downtown Carlisle. This guide can be found at DestinationCarlisle.com.

III. Presentations:

- A. Mr. Samuel Waltman & Dr. Jeremy Ball presented a historical summary of the Carlisle Police Department, depicted in posters that incorporated a timeline of events from 1859 to the present. This was a collaborative effort with Dickinson College students, The Historical Society and the police department. The posters will be on display at the police department and are attached to these minutes.

IV. Meeting Minutes:

- A. Borough Council voted 7-0 to approve the July 1, 2020 Workshop Meeting Minutes. (Shultz/Fulham-Winston)

V. Mayor’s Report:

- A. COVID-19 update provided by Fire Chief Snyder:
- Four COVID test sites available in Cumberland County
 - Assisted the Borough Manager’s office with guideline updates provided by the PA Department of Health
 - Carlisle CARES was in need of hand sanitizer and masks
 - PEMA sent out a survey for completion to help develop an after-action report based on their response coordination center.
 - Carlisle Fire Departments and EMS have been affected by COVID with the loss of revenue. They have applied for various grants to supplement funding. Contribution mailers were sent out to residents and donations will be distributed to each fire company.
 - Carlisle Fire & Rescue opened their facility for a cooling shelter during the heatwave.
 - The fire companies will continue to work with the school district on the Emergency Services Program. Pending the upcoming school schedule, there are twelve potential juniors and seniors interested in the program.

VI. Parks and Recreation Committee:

A. Fireworks Prohibition on Borough Property:

Borough Council voted 7-0 to authorize the Borough Solicitor to draft and advertise an ordinance with respect to the prohibition of the use of fireworks on the streets of Carlisle Borough, the sidewalks, or any property owned by Carlisle Borough, and in all of the Carlisle Borough parks and public buildings. (Landis/Scott)

VII. Community Planning and Smart Growth Committee:

A. Climate Action Plan Memorandum of Understanding with Widener University:

Borough Council voted 7-0 to ratify the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) by and between the Borough of Carlisle and The Widener University Commonwealth Law School Environmental Law and Sustainability Center that shall formalize a partnership whereby Widener shall assist with ordinances and other documents that may be necessary to implement Carlisle Borough's Climate Action Plan (CAP). MOU is retroactive to July 21, 2020.

B. CARES Act Grant Agreement:

Borough Council voted 7-0 to ratify the Mayor's execution of the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Funding Approval/Agreement for Project/Grant No. 1 (B-20-MW-42-0022) in the amount of \$227,901 (two hundred twenty-seven thousand nine hundred one dollars) that is awarded through the CARES Act, Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG-CV). Approval is retroactive to July 27, 2020. (Crampsie/Stuby)

Borough Manager Armstrong stated that the Cumberland County Economic Area Corporation is the underwriter for the grant application and the Cumberland County Redevelopment Authority will oversee the expenditures to meet HUD requirements. Further details and a timeline will be forthcoming at future Council meeting.

C. Subdivision and Land Development Review:

Community Development Manager Mike Skelly stated procedural changes are being considered to update the Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance (SALDO). He noted a draft ordinance amendment is currently being developed in collaboration with staff and the solicitor. Councilor Crampsie noted this ordinance has not been updated in an extended length of time.

VIII. Employee Relations / Citizen Participation Committee:

A. Planning Commission Resignation:

Borough Council voted 7-0 to accept the resignation of Tim Tilton from the Planning Commission effective July 14, 2020. (Stuby/Shultz)

Councilor Landis remarked that the Planning Commission is an important position because of the need for future planning in the Borough and encouraged residents to submit a resume to fill this open position. She pointed out that it was sad Mr. Tilton resigned and that the Borough needs good people to fill the position. Mayor Scott agreed and noted that this is a citizen panel that decides on essential planning and growth in the Borough. He also encouraged residents to get involved and make a difference by submitting a resume for this open position.

IX. Public Safety Committee:

A. Walnut Bottom / Wilson Street Intersection Parking Modifications:

Water Resources Director Malarich noted comments were received from citizens regarding the lack of site distance when turning from Wilson Street onto Walnut Bottom Road. He recommended extending the no parking zone on Walnut Bottom Road to approximately three hundred feet from Wilson Street. Mr. Malarich suggested drafting an ordinance to permit that revision.

Councilor Landis suggested to help slow down traffic turning onto Wilson Street, narrow the wide street angle where Wilson Street intersects with Walnut Bottom Road. Councilor Hicks recommended converting the excess blacktopped portion of Wilson Street into a grassy area to help with drainage.

There was consensus among Council to move forward with staff obtaining an estimated cost for the modification recommendations of the Wilson Street from Walnut Bottom Road entrance.

X. Public Works Committee:

A. Area 4B Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation Project, Contract B4-1:

Borough Council voted 7-0 to award the unit price contract for the Area 4B Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation Project, Contract B4-1, Repair and Replacement, to the lowest responsive bidder, E.K. Services, Inc. of New Cumberland, Pennsylvania, in the amount of \$246,183.00 (Two Hundred Forty-Six Thousand, One Hundred Eighty-Three Dollars and zero cents), pending receipt of the required bonds and insurances for the project. Borough Council also authorized any contract change order needing prompt action in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) each, to be approved at the discretion of the Borough Manager and brought before Council for retroactive approval. (Fulham-Winston/Landis)

B. Area 4B Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation Project, Contract B4-2:

Borough Council voted 7-0 to award the unit price contract for the Area 4B Sanitary Sewer System Rehabilitation Project, Contract B4-2, Sewer Lining and Manhole Repair, to the lowest responsive bidder, Insight Pipe Contracting, LLC. of Harmony, Pennsylvania, in the amount of \$620,461.00 (Six Hundred Twenty Thousand, Four Hundred Sixty-One Dollars and zero cents), pending receipt of the required bonds and insurances for the project. Borough Council also authorized any contract change order needing prompt action in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) each, to be approved at the discretion of the Borough Manager and brought before Council for retroactive approval. (Fulham-Winston/Landis)

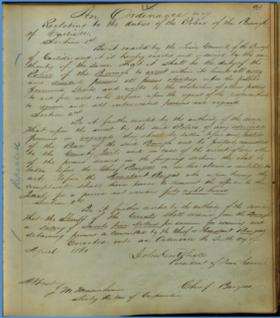
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business or public comment, the meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Timothy A. Scott
Mayor

Joyce E. Stone
Borough Secretary

Carlisle Police Department: From Hamlet to Town 1859-1941



The Ordinance For the Appointment of a Police Force

Photo Taken of the Carlisle Police, circa 1902

Officer George H Martin

Photo of Carlisle Policemen, circa 1934



Law enforcement looked radically different before the creation of the police force in Carlisle. A frontier community through much of the 18th century, Carlisle relied on **Constables** and a **Night Watch** to maintain the peace. Constables acted as agents of the court and were elected to the position. Instead of patrolling and detective work, Constables mostly delivered warrants and court summons, and were only allowed to arrest someone if they caught them in the act. A Night Watch was formed in times of trouble to protect the safety of Carlisle. Citizens of Carlisle would form the Night Watch and patrol the community, looking for danger during periods of uncertainty, such as the War of 1812 and the Civil War. Unlike the modern police force, the Night Watch was disbanded when the community felt it was safe again.

In 1867, the Carlisle Borough Council passed an **Ordinance For the Appointment of a Police Force**. This was in response to a long line of arsons and riots within the community. The police force was small, and appointed by the Chief Burgess. According to the Ordinance, Emmanuel Schwartz was named the first Chief of Police, and he oversaw four patrolmen.

(?) What role does the police play in your community?

In 1870, Carlisle was in a great deal of debt, and sought to raise taxes to maintain the police force. Despite a great decrease in arson and unrest after the creation of the police force, the town voted in a **referendum** to disband the police force, 378 to 287. During this period the constables took a more active role in policing, however, the period was marked by an **increase in arson and a riot on Louthier Street**. In 1876, the borough reestablished the police force.

Crime in Pennsylvania has both changed and stayed the same since 1887. According to the **Pennsylvania Council on Crime and Delinquency**, 26.1% of arrests from the years 2012-2016 were substance-related. Despite the increase in cases since 1887, where only a handful of arrests were made per year, Cumberland County remains one of the safest counties in Pennsylvania, in the lowest 20 counties for both victimization and yearly offense rate

In September 1887, the first arrest after the commissioning of the new police force was made. According to the arrest record, **Peter Windowmacher**, a farmer from South Middleton, had come into Carlisle on business but had gotten "gloriously full" at a local establishment. Officer Minich arrested Mr. Windowmacher, putting him in lockup for the night and releasing him the next morning.

As of 2020, only one police officer in Carlisle has fallen in the line of duty. On April 8th, 1893, **Officer George H. Martin** was murdered while on patrol near South Bedford Street. Martin, aged 26, suffered a gunshot wound to the chest. Officer Martin was pursuing a known criminal, Charles Salyards, at the time of his murder. Despite fleeing from the state, Salyards was caught in Virginia and brought back to Carlisle for the trial. Salyards was found guilty of murder and executed. Officer Martin was survived by his family, including his only son.

(?) The Carlisle Police had to make radical adjustments to respond to the new invention of the automobile. Can you think of other technologies that police had to adjust to? How do you think the police force changed to meet these new challenges?

In 1903, only **six cars** were registered with the Carlisle Borough government. Despite this, Chief Phillip Khuns directed the police department to start enforcing an ordinance relating to proper lighting on automobiles. While this law affected a small number of people at the time, this move represents a larger shift in law enforcement to policing automotive transport. In 2018, 170,194 speeding citations and 18,094 seatbelt violations were issued in Pennsylvania.

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As a result of the **1941 Civil Service Law**, standards were created for the hiring of new police officers. This law prevented politicians from simply hiring friends and family for the position and established rules and regulations for the suspension or firing of an officer. The newly created **Civil Service Commission** moved the force into a new, professional direction.

In 1941, the standards for becoming a police officer included a 6th-grade education, the passing of a standard military examination, the completion of a written exam which measured the candidate's intelligence and knowledge of various subjects including the law, and an oral interview.

Today, requirements to become a police officer are more rigorous: a candidate must be 18 years of age, have earned a high school degree or a GED, have no criminal records, and meet the basic physical requirements of eyesight and physical fitness. A candidate may also have to pass a written test, as well as, take a Nelson-Denny Reading Test, a computer-administered personality assessment, and complete an interview with a licensed psychologist. A medical and physical exam, as well as an interview, are often included as requirements.

Carlisle Police Department: Into the Present 1941- 2020



Picture of the Police Headquarters at 125 North Pitt Street

Chief Frank Giordano

Hans and Thunder

Chief Taro Landis

1952

1961

1967

1968

1969-1980

2016

2017

As the police force continued to grow, they moved from their old station in the old Market House to a new building, **125 North Pitt Street**.

This move represented a trend in the continued expansion of the police department in the 20th century through the present, in size, and in its function.

The Police Department today is located at **240 Lincoln Street**.

In order for the residents of the borough to become more familiar with the police force, the Carlisle Police Department adopted **identification badges** in May, 1961. They included the officer's name engraved on a silver plaque, and were worn on the officer's shirt.

Frank Giordano became the Chief of Police in 1967, 14 years after joining the force.

Chief Giordano served as chief of police for 23 years, overseeing a variety of reforms and improvements to the department. These included expanding training, increasing effectiveness, and strengthening bonds with the Carlisle Community.

Chief Giordano passed away in 2010 at the age of 82. He is buried at the Cumberland Valley Memorial Gardens.

The Carlisle Police Department's K-9 program was started in 1968. The unit originally comprised two dogs, **Hans and Thunder**. The Department was expanded in 1970, adding a third dog, **Brutus**.

(?) **Ko dogs are versatile tools for police departments. They can be used for search and rescue, to detect substances and to help on patrol. Do you have pets at home? What can a K-9 dog do that your pet cannot?**

Throughout the 1970s and 1980s, the police department increased the required training of its officers. In 1971, the Borough Council required that all new officers graduate from either **the state police academy or the Harrisburg Area Community College Police Academy**. The department itself also grew during this time, adding new divisions to take on new challenges in the community.

The Carlisle Police Department, while functioning as one unit, has a number of **different departments**. They include the Command Staff, Administrative Support, Public Safety Coordinator, Child Safety Seat Technicians, Criminal Investigative Section, Patrol Section, Community Policing Human Relations/LGBTQ Liaison, Student Services, Officer Motor Carrier Safety Enforcement, K-9 Team, and the Special Response Team.

As part of an effort to better survey interactions between police and citizens, the Carlisle Police Department adopted the use of **body cameras** in 2016. This lightweight device is carried on an officer, either on their uniform or on a piece of headgear.

(?) **The body camera is one of the latest technologies adopted by the police in order to better serve the community. What technologies do you think police will use in the future?**

In March 2017, **Chief Taro Landis** was sworn in as the Chief of Police. Chief Landis previously served as a Marine and has over 30 years of Law Enforcement experience. Landis is the first African American Chief of Police of Carlisle.

As the head of the Police, Chief Landis aims to build trust between the town of Carlisle and law enforcement through **outreach and officer engagement in the community**. By fostering community involvement, Chief Landis hopes to build partnerships with the community to make law enforcement a joint effort, and make residents more comfortable interacting and talking with the police.

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