

Columbia by returning selected properties to the tax rolls upon participation in the LCLB program. A meeting on Thursday (September 15) will be attended by Jeff Helm with the LCHRA to review 5 of the "blighted" properties.

New business discussions held:

August reports were included in Safety Committee packets for review from:

Police Department

Fire Department

Codes Department

A discussion was held on the new position of CBSD (Columbia Borough School District) School Resource Officer Position held by Columbia Borough Policeman Troy Engle. A review of a report submitted by Officer Engle was reviewed regarding events that he directly impacted during the first week of the 2016-2017 School year (dated August 29 – September 1, 2016). It was noted that a positive connection was being established between Officer Engle, the student body and faculty was being established. It was also noted by the Mayor that Officer Engle was working with Pastor Fred Thomas and has established "5th Quarter" event for student to participate in during the 2016-2017 school football season after home games at Pastor Thomas' Church (7th & Walnut streets) to "unwind and decompress". It was noted that refreshment would be served and Officer Engle would be in attendance at these events.

A brief notation was made by Mayor Lutz regarding the disruptive classroom incident displayed on social media and local new stations that occurred last week. Officer Engle was almost immediately upon the scene to avoid further conflict. Mayor Lutz noted that a meeting was held on Tuesday between Police Chief Brommer, Mayor Lutz, Officer Engle and the CBSD DOO to address the incident. Mayor Lutz also noted that Officer Engle would be attending a state sponsored training seminar in the near future.

Citizen Comments:

Frank Doutrich –

Where can he obtain information regarding the newly formed Lancaster County Land Bank?
Frank was advised of the informational web-site and that an information only presentation will be made to the Borough Council and School Board to be held at the Borough Office chamber. He was invited to attend. The meeting to be held Monday (9/26/16) at 6:00pm in Borough Chamber.

Why are there so many student incidents at the schools during the first week of school?
Mayor Lutz replied that this was the first week of school and students might have been naturally restless. It was noted that Officer Engle was quickly responding and building positive relationships with the faculty, staff and students.

Why is the SRO off school property during the school year?
Mayor Lutz explained that Officer Engle is a police officer first and will be off site at the pre-beginning and end of the school day to observe student activity.

Kelly Murphy-

Commented on the Safety Committee focus on the revitalization efforts and focus of the EMC/EMOC.

Mayor Lutz-

Echoed the comments of Council President Murphy's remarks about the Safety Committee

Closing remarks:

Next Safety Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 6:00pm in Borough Chambers.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm. Motioned by Kelly Murphy, seconded by Fran FitzGerald