

**CITY OF CHESTER**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**DATE OF MEETING:** August 7, 2019

**PRESENT:** Stephanie Jackson, Annie Reid, Susan Kovas, Chief Eric Williams, Chief Paul Caldwell

**ABSENT:** Carlos Williams

**Meeting was called to order by:** Susan Kovas at 4:35 PM

1. **Item Discussed:** Susan Kovas asked the Chief about the cars take home policy for the Police Department. Chief Williams informed the committee that six officers are currently taking home a city vehicle which are within the radius and the department has been staying well within the guidelines with this issue. He also mentioned the fuel was staying within the budget as well. Mrs. Kovas asked the Chief about the homeless lady that is currently sleeping on the bench downtown. He informed her that he has received several complaints concerning her and is in the process of trying to find some type of solution and hopefully reach out to her family and also he may talk with the business owners to get their opinion as well. Chief Williams mentioned the no thru freight issues are at a minimum and he believes this is due to the word getting out and the officers are patrolling the streets on a regular basis the truck drivers would usually travel. Mrs. Reid mentioned that a “no thru freight” sign needed to be posted on Center Street. Chief will get with Reggie about possibly posting more signs. The property checks on the business has been done on a regular basis. The department are not issuing any parking tickets this time. Mrs. Reid informed the Chief that she is proud to see the helicopters presents in the area. He mentioned that he had reached out to other counties to alert them of any issues or an individual. Chief Caldwell mentioned that he will suggest Don Woods be the Interim Chief once he has retired. Chief Caldwell informed the committee the fire department has hired two full time firefighters that will start shift on October 29, 2019 after completing their eight weeks of training. Four part time people has been hired. The lights and siren will be added to the new fire chief’s vehicle in the upcoming week. The Gear Washer has been purchased and should be installed soon. The county agreed to purchase three tanks and the guys are now caring Narcan to better assist with overdose patients. Mrs. Kovas mentioned that she would like to see a police program formed to help better the department which was agreed to be looked into. No Action Taken

Meeting was adjourned at 5:35 PM

These minutes were prepared by: Tamika McMullen