

April 2, 2014
Curtis Hall

A regular meeting of the **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE** was held tonight, Commissioner J. Andrew Sharkey, Chairman, presiding. Members present were Commissioners Haywood, Norris, Rappoport, and Simon. Also present was Ex-Officio Member Portner.

Staff present were Kenneth Hellendall, Emergency Management Coordinator; John Norris, Chief of Police; Joseph O'Neill, Fire Marshal; Henry Sekawungu, Planning and Zoning Director; and Bryan T. Havar, Township Manager. Also present was Andrew Freimuth, Esq. A Public Attendance List is attached.

Mr. Sharkey called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

1. Chief Norris reviewed the Police Activity/Community Policing Unit, Clearance and Juvenile Contact Reports for the month of February, 2014.

2. Chief Norris recommended certain changes to the Traffic Code that were approved by Staff as follows:

METER PARKING

ADD – Roberts Avenue – 2-hour meter parking, westst from 20 feet to 148 feet south of Mt. Carmel Avenue

AMEND - Article II: Parking Meters Zones Sections:

285-22 Location of Meters

285-24 Deposit of Currency in Meters

285-28 Duty of Police Officers

DELETE:

Beaver Road – Stop Street at Plymouth Road

Dewey Road – Stop Street at Lanfair Road; at Front Street; at Ivinetta Road

Edgemore Road – Stop Street at Ivinetta Road

Fox Road – Stop Street at Beaver Road and Stop Street at Laverock Road

Franklin avenue – Handicapped Parking at 123 Franklin Avenue

Graham lane – Stop Street at Penrose Avenue

Roberts avenue – No Parking either side

Shoemaker Road – Stop Street at Brookside Road

Shoemaker Road – Stop Street at Cadwalader Avenue

ADD

Beaver Road – Stop Street at Fox Road; at Plymouth Road

Brighton place – Stop Street at High School Road; at Sterling Road

Chattin Road – Stop Street at Fenton Road

Dewey Road – Stop Street at Lanfair Road; at Front Street; at Ivinetta Road; at Rowland Avenue.

Edgemore Road – Stop Street at Ivenetta Road; at Rowland Avenue

Elliott Road – Stop Street at High School Road; at Sterling Road

Fox Road – Stop Street at Beaver Road at Lindley Road; at Laverock

Georgian Road – Stop Street at Beaver Road; at Lindley Road
Graham Road – Stop Street at Penrose Avenue; At Sycamore Avenue
N. Sterling Road
N. Sterling Road – Stop Street at High School Road
Roberts Avenue – No Parking, East Side Mt. Carmel Avenue to Reading
Railroad Station
Roberts Avenue – No Parking Here To Corner, Mt. Carmel Avenue to
20 Feet South
Roberts Avenue – No Parking Here To Corner, 148 Feet To 163 Feet
South Of Mt. Carmel Avenue
Shoemaker Road – Stop Street at Brookside Road; at Cadwalader Avenue;
at High School Road
Upland Road – Stop Street at High School Road; at Shoemaker Road
Westview Road – Stop Street at High School Road

Chief Norris reported that there will be an increase in parking meter fees and new kiosks at the municipal parking lots on Harrison Avenue and Montgomery Avenue, Bickley Road, and at Church Road and Old York Road. The recommended meter parking on Roberts Avenue in the vicinity of Mt. Carmel Avenue is due to a new restaurant that will soon open. The addition/deletion of certain Stop Streets and parking restrictions are for uncontrolled streets.

3. **Recommendation to the Board of Commissioners:** Upon motion of Mr. Simon, the Committee unanimously recommended to the Board of Commissioners the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 285 of the Traffic Code entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” (see attached).

4. Chief Norris reviewed a proposed Ordinance amending the removal of snow and ice. According to Chief Norris, this amendment would allow 24-hours after a storm to clear sidewalks, require a 24-inch shoveling path, and better clarifies the requirements than the current Ordinance.

Discussion ensued regarding the responsibility for assessing fees for citations, the judgment of the courts when deciding on such citations, and responsibility for enforcement of the Ordinance. Mr. Norris felt that assigning a lesser fee would make individuals more inclined to pay it than a higher fee, which induces them to go to court to oppose it. Mr. Sharkey thought that consideration might be given to Code Enforcement rather than the Police Department for enforcement of the Ordinance.

5. **Recommendation to the Board of Commissioners:** Upon motion of Mr. Portner, the Committee unanimously recommended to the Board of Commissioners the adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 255-5 of the Code entitled “Removal of Snow and Ice” (see attached).

6. Chief Norris reviewed the Police Department’s request for a Facebook Page (“Page”). Three (3) administrators would be assigned to monitor the Page. The concept was perpetuated by a recent incident in the Township wherein residents were led to a Facebook Page that contained erroneous information.

Discussion ensued about having several Facebook Pages. Mr. Haywood was concerned that there may be too many Pages with the Police Department, Emergency Management, and the Township each having a Page. Chief Norris reported that most municipalities have separate Pages for the Police, for Emergency Management, and for Township Administration. The Pages do not conflict. Mr. Havir stated that the Township's Public Information Officer would monitor and supervise the administrative information on the Township's Facebook Page, and the Police and Emergency Management would monitor and control each of their Pages respectively.

Advertisements on Facebook Pages were discussed. Mr. Simon suggested certain changes to the "Terms of Use"; that the disclaimer be placed at the top of the Page; and he questioned using the term "for community issues" if it is the Police Department's Page to which Chief Norris responded that the Page would address police community issues, i.e. stolen cars, etc.

Upon motion of Mr. Portner, the Committee unanimously approved a Facebook Page for the Cheltenham Police Department based on the written administrative policy that was presented and amended this evening.

7. Upon motion of Mr. Portner, the Committee unanimously accepted the Police Activity/Community Policing Unit, Clearance and Juvenile Contact Reports for the month of February, 2014.

8. Upon motion of Mr. Portner, the Committee unanimously accepted the Report of the Fire Marshal for the month of March, 2014.

9. Upon motion of Mr. Portner, the Committee unanimously accepted the Report of the EMS Director for the month of March, 2014.

10. Upon motion of Mr. Haywood, the Committee unanimously accepted the Report of the Emergency Management Coordinator for the month of March, 2014.

11. Under Old Business – None.

12. Under New Business – Mr. Sharkey thanked the Fire Marshal for his efforts in bringing to fruition a strategic alliance between the Ogontz and Elkins Park Fire Companies. Ms. Rappoport thanked Emergency Management Staff for their recent briefing, especially in regards to stormwater management.

13. Under Citizens Forum – None.

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Portner, and unanimously approved by the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



Bryan T. Havir
Township Manager

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHELTENHAM, CHAPTER 285 THEREOF, ENTITLED VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, BY AMENDING PARKING METER ZONES AND CERTAIN STREET AND PARKING REGULATIONS.

The Board of Commissioners of the Township of Cheltenham hereby ordains:

SECTION 1. The Code of the Township of Cheltenham, Chapter 85, Article II, entitled Parking Meter Zones, Section 285-20, Two Hour parking zones, thereof is hereby **ADDING** the following:

Roberts Avenue West side, from 20 feet south to 148 feet south of Mt. Carmel Avenue

SECTION 2. The Code of the Township of Cheltenham, Chapter 285, Article II, entitled Parking Meter Zones, Section 285-22, Location of meters, thereof is hereby **AMENDED** as follows:

- A. Except as otherwise provided in Subsection B, parking meters installed in the parking meter zones as provided in § **285-20** and **285-21** hereof shall be placed upon the sidewalk and in the municipal parking lots immediately adjacent to the individual parking places hereinafter described. Each parking meter shall be placed or set in such manner as to show that the parking space adjacent to such meter is or is not legally occupied. Each parking meter installed shall indicate by a proper legend the legal parking time established by the Township and, when operated, shall indicate on and by its display the duration period of legal parking and, on the expiration of such period, shall indicate illegal or over parking.
- B. The multi-space parking pay station installed within the Municipal Parking Lots at 124 South Easton Road; 107 Bickley Road; 562 East Church Road and 7851 Montgomery Avenue. as provided in § **285-20** and **285-21** shall be placed within the lot and control all parking spaces within the applicable. Each parking space will be clearly numbered. Each numbered parking space will be electronically monitored when the owner/operator of a parked vehicle manually inputs the occupied parking space number and the required U.S. currency, or proper credit card (if applicable) to get his/her legal parking time. The multi-space parking pay station will issue a receipt stating the date, time and legal parking period for the numbered parking space selected. The expiration of the legal parking period shall indicate illegal or over parking. The multi-space parking pay station shall be regarded as a meter in all aspects set forth in § **285-24** through **285-32** regarding depositing of coins, parking beyond time specified, depositing of slugs or other substitutes, defacing and tampering, duty of police officers, disposition of fees, violations and penalties, purchase of meters and construal of provisions.

SECTION 3. The Code of the Township of Cheltenham, Chapter 285, Article II, entitled Parking Meter Zones, Section 285-24, Deposit of coins in meters, thereof is hereby **AMENDED** as follows:

- A. When any vehicle shall be parked in any space adjacent to which a parking meter is located during the time of limited parking, the owner or operator of said vehicle shall, upon entering said parking space, immediately deposit or cause to be deposited at least **two** twenty-five-cent coins of the United States in such parking meter and operate the meter in accordance with the instructions thereon, and failure to do so shall constitute a violation of this chapter. Upon the deposit of such twenty-five-cent coins, or increments of twenty-five-cent coins, and placing the meter in operation, the parking space may be lawfully occupied by such vehicle during the period of parking time which has been prescribed for the particular amount deposited.

- B. The parking meters when installed and properly operated shall be programmed as follows: **In a two hour zone** so that twenty-five-cent coins may be deposited at any time throughout the range of the meters heretofore established, and for every two twenty-five-cent coins permitting the vehicle to be parked for a period of one hour; for every additional two twenty-five-cent coins permitting the vehicle to be parked for one additional hour, for a maximum of two hours.

In a twelve hour zone so that twenty-five-cent coins, one dollar bills or coins or a credit card where applicable may be deposited at any time throughout the range of the meters heretofore established, and for every fifty cent of value deposited permitting the vehicle to be parked for a period of three hours; for every additional fifty cents of value deposited permitting the vehicle to be parked for an additional three hours, or so that one-dollar bills or coins may be deposited at any time throughout the range of the meter heretofore established, and for every one-dollar bill or coin permitting the vehicle to be parked for a period of six hours; for each additional one-dollar bill or permitting the vehicle to be parked for an additional six hours, to a maximum of twelve hours.

SECTION 4. The Code of the Township of Cheltenham, Chapter 285, Article II, entitled Parking Meter Zones, Section 285-28, Duty of police officers, thereof is hereby **AMENDED** as follows:

- A. It shall be the duty of the police officers, or others as authorized by the Chief of Police of the Township acting in accordance with the instructions issued by the Chief of Police to report:
- (1) The number of each parking meter which indicates that the vehicle occupying the parking space adjacent to such parking meter is or has been parked in violation of any of the provisions of this chapter.
 - (2) The date and hour of such violation.
 - (3) The state license number of such vehicle.
 - (4) Any other facts and knowledge of which is necessary to a thorough understanding of the circumstances attending such violation.
- B. In each case where a vehicle is parked in violation of this chapter, the Township official noting the violation shall place on such vehicle a notice to the owner or operator thereof that such vehicle has been parking in violation of the provisions of this chapter. Each owner or operator may, within five days of the time when such notice was attached to such vehicle, pay at the Police Administration Building or the Township Administration Building as a penalty for and in full satisfaction of such violation the sum of **\$25.** The failure of such owner or operator to make such payment at the Police Administration Building or the Township Administration Building within said five days shall render such owner or operator subject to the penalties hereinafter provided for violation of the provisions of this chapter.

SECTION 5. The Code of the Township of Cheltenham, Chapter 285, Article IV, entitled Schedule of Traffic Regulations, Section 285-43 thereof is hereby amended by **DELETING** the following:

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| BEAVER ROAD | C. | STOP STREET at Plymouth Road. |
| DEWEY ROAD | (3) | STOP STREET at Lanfair Road; at Front Street; at Ivinetta Road. |
| EDGEMOOR ROAD | A. | STOP STREET at Ivinetta Road. |
| FOX ROAD | A. | STOP STREET at Beaver Road. |
| FOX ROAD | B. | STOP STREET at Laverock Road. |
| FRANKLIN AVENUE | L. | HANDICAPPED PARKING at 123 Franklin Avenue. This addition is effective for the duration period that this resident is eligible for a reserved handicapped space. |
| GRAHAM LANE | A. | STOP STREET at Penrose Avenue. |
| ROBERTS AVENUE | (1) | NO PARKING either side. |
| SHOEMAKER ROAD | (4) | STOP STREET at Brookside Road |
| SHOEMAKER ROAD | (5) | STOP STREET at Cadwalader Avenue. |

SECTION 6. The Code of the Township of Cheltenham, Chapter 285, Article IV, entitled Schedule of Traffic Regulations, Section 285-43 thereof is hereby amended by **ADDING** the following:

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| BEAVER ROAD | C. | STOP STREET at Fox Road; at Plymouth Road. |
| BRIGHTON PLACE | (3) | STOP STREET at High School Road; at Sterling Road. |
| CHATTIN ROAD | A. | STOP STREET at Fenton Road. |
| DEWEY ROAD | (3) | STOP STREET at Lanfair Road; at Front Street; at Ivinetta Road; at Rowland Avenue. |
| EDGEMOOR ROAD | A. | STOP STREET at Ivinetta Road; at Rowland Avenue. |
| ELLIOTT ROAD | B. | STOP STREET at High School Road; at Sterling Road. |
| FOX ROAD | A. | STOP STREET at Beaver Road, at Lindley Road; at Laverock Road. |
| GEORGIAN ROAD | A. | STOP STREET at Beaver Road; at Lindley Road. |
| GRAHAM LANE | A. | STOP STREET at Penrose Avenue; at Sycamore Avenue. |

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| N. STERLING ROAD | A. | STOP STREET at High School Road. |
| ROBERTS AVENUE | (1) | NO PARKING, east side Mt. Carmel Avenue to SEPTA Railroad Station. |
| ROBERTS AVENUE | (3) | NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER, west side Mt. Carmel Avenue to 20 feet south. |
| ROBERTS AVENUE | (4) | NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER, west side 148 feet to 163 feet south of Mt. Carmel Avenue. |
| SHOEMAKER ROAD | (4) | STOP STREET at Brookside Road; at Cadwalader Avenue; at High School Road. |
| UPLAND ROAD | A. | STOP STREET at High School Road; at Shoemaker Road. |
| WESTVIEW ROAD | A. | STOP STREET at High School Road. |

SECTION 7. That in all other respects Chapter 285 of the Code of the Township of Cheltenham is hereby approved and accepted as amended, and shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval as required by law.

ENACTED into an Ordinance this 16th day of April, A.D., 2014.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWNSHIP OF CHELTENHAM

By _____
Harvey Portner, President

ATTEST: _____
Bryan T. Havir, Secretary

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHELTENHAM,
CHAPTER 255-5 THEREOF ENTITLED, REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE

The Board of Commissioners of the Township of Cheltenham hereby ordains:

SECTION 1. The Code of the Township of Cheltenham, Chapter 255-5 Removal of Snow and Ice is hereby **AMENDED** as follows:

§ 255-5. Removal of snow and ice.

A. Definitions. As used in this Article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS - The address for the owner or occupant as listed in the records of the Montgomery County Board of Assessment.

OCCUPANT - The tenant or tenants with respect to one-or two-family dwellings, the manager or person having care, custody or control of the building or lot with respect to three-family or larger dwellings, commercial businesses, industrial premises, vacant lots or unoccupied buildings.

OWNER - The property owner as listed with the Montgomery County Board of Assessment.

B. It shall be the duty of the owner or occupant of any building or lot fronting or alongside a sidewalk ordinarily open to the public to remove all accumulations of snow and ice from the sidewalk no later than 24 hours after snow and/or ice (as applicable) has ceased to fall. Failure to comply will result, upon summary conviction before a Magisterial District Judge, to be sentenced to pay a fine in accordance with 255.22.

(1) The cleared pathway shall not be less than 24 inches wide and shall be thoroughly cleared to that extent of snow and ice or other obstructions. A minimum of passage of not less than 24 inches shall also be cleared to the street. Handicapped access ramps shall be cleared to a minimum of passage of 24 inches.

(2) Should the snow and/or ice on the sidewalk be frozen so hard that it cannot be removed without injury to the pavement, the person charged with the responsibility for the snow and ice removal shall cause the sidewalk fronting or alongside building or lot to be strewn and to be kept strewn with sand, salt or any suitable abrasive material and shall, as soon thereafter as the weather shall permit (but no later than 48 hours thereafter), remove all such abrasive material as well as all ice and snow from such sidewalk.

- (3) **Service of Notice.**
Service of notice may be completed by personal service, service by mail, or by posting.
- (a) **Personal Service:** Service of notice may be completed by handing a copy to the defendant; or by handing a copy, at the residence of the defendant, to an adult member of the family with whom the defendant resides; but if no adult member of the family is found, then to an adult person in charge of such residence where the nuisance exists.
 - (b) **Service by Mail:** Service of the notice may also be accomplished by mailing the notice to the last known address of the owner or occupant. Service by mail is complete upon mailing.
 - (c) **Service by Posting:** Service of the notice may also be completed by posting a copy thereof in a conspicuous place upon the building or lot where the nuisance exists.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval as required by law.

ENACTED into Ordinance this 16th day of April, A.D., 2014.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWNSHIP OF CHELTENHAM

By _____
Harvey Portner, President

ATTEST: _____
Bryan T. Havir, Secretary



PUBLIC ATTENDANCE LIST
Public Safety Committee, 7:30 p.m.
Public Affairs Committee, 7:45 p.m.
Building and Zoning Committee, 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 2, 2014
Curtis Hall

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