

**BOROUGH OF NEW BRITAIN**  
**BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-16**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF NEW BRITAIN, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, CREATING THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP, PURPOSE, AND DUTIES; PROVIDING REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO THE COMMITTEE; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council of the Borough of New Britain, Bucks County, wishes to establish a Public Safety Committee to address matters relating to public safety, including but not necessarily limited to matters relating to fire, ems, police, pedestrian safety (including the Borough Active Transportation Plan), vehicular safety and traffic, and public health (including trash, recycling and disease).

**NOW THEREFORE**, it is hereby **RESOLVED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of New Britain as follows:

**Section 1.** The New Britain Borough Public Safety Committee is hereby created as a standing committee of the Borough.

**Section 2. Membership; Qualifications; Quorum.** The New Britain Borough Public Safety Committee shall be composed of no more than seven (7) members. These voting members shall be Borough residents. Members shall be appointed at the discretion of the Borough Council of the Borough of New Britain by majority vote. A quorum shall consist of a simple majority of the total number of voting members. No more than two Borough Council Members shall serve as a voting member of the Public Safety Committee, and the group shall be allowed to also have one non-voting Council Liaison, unless one of the voting Council Members is designated with this position. The Mayor of New Britain, Borough Manager, a representative from Central Bucks Regional Police Department, a representative from Central Bucks Emergency Medical Services, a representative from Chalfont Emergency Medical Services, a representative from Doylestown Fire Company, a representative from Chalfont Fire Company, and a representative from the Borough contracted trash hauler shall serve as non-voting ex officio members, and will not count towards quorum.

**Section 3. Purpose and Duties.** The Committee shall be responsible to assess and make recommendations to Council, as needed, on issues which affect public safety. Issues affecting public safety may include, but not necessarily be limited to, issues relating to fire, ems, police, pedestrian safety (including the Borough Active Transportation Plan), vehicular safety and traffic, and public health (including trash, recycling and disease). At the request of Borough Council the Committee shall, or on its own initiative the Committee may, make recommendations to Borough



Council regarding concerns related to traffic or parking management that are not handled as routine operational matters by Borough Administration, or any concerns which the police, fire department, ambulance, or emergency management agencies present as affecting protection or safety of the citizens of the Borough. The Committee shall serve as liaison between the residents, businesses, and Borough Council on matters of public safety. Although the Committee shall assess and make recommendations to Borough Council on public safety concerns of normal or urgent priority, the Committee is not responsible for the emergency management operations of the Borough.

**Section 4. Meetings.** The Public Safety Committee shall meet as necessary, and all meetings shall be advertised as required by the Sunshine Act.

**Section 5. Terms.** Each member shall serve a term of three (3) years. The term for each initial appointment may be for one (1) year, two (2) years, or three (3) years and shall be staggered so that the terms of no more than three (3) members shall expire in a given year. Public Safety Committee members may be reappointed at the sole discretion of Borough Council.

**Section 6. Vacancies.** Any vacancies shall be filled by Borough Council, at its sole discretion. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy will complete the remainder of the term of the vacating member.

**Section 7. Removal.** All Committee members serve at the will of Borough Council, and any member may be removed by an affirmative vote of a majority of Borough Council for any reason or not reason at all. Vacancies caused by removal shall be filled as set forth in Section 6 hereof.

**Section 8. Officers.** The Public Safety Committee shall designate from among its members a Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary. The Chair shall preside over the meetings. In the Chair's absence, the Vice-Chair shall preside. If both the Chair and the Vice-Chair are absent, the remaining members, if a quorum exists, shall select from among themselves a person to preside over the meeting. The Secretary (or another designated member if the Secretary is absent) shall prepare minutes of every meeting and shall be responsible for transmitting the final copy of all minutes to the Borough Manager. Should the Committee recommend action by Borough Council, that recommendation shall be transmitted as soon as possible to the Borough Manager for inclusion on the next available Borough Council agenda.

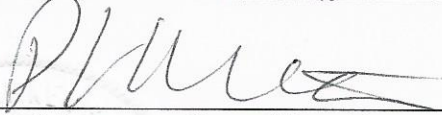
**Section 9. Advisory Nature of the Committee.** The Public Safety Committee is solely advisory in nature and shall be responsible to and shall report to Borough Council. The Public Safety Committee and its members have no authority to set policy, expend funds, or make obligations on behalf of Borough Council or the Borough of New Britain. Recommendations to Borough Council shall be considered by Borough Council and acted upon, or not, by Borough Council at its sole discretion.

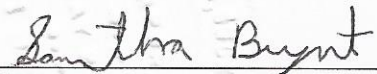
**Section 10. Reports to Borough Council.** The Public Safety Committee shall report on its activities to Borough Council at the regular Borough Council meeting following the Public Safety meeting. The report shall be written or verbal, and shall include a description of the activities of the Committee any ongoing or outstanding activities or tasks. Committee meeting minutes can be used to satisfy this requirement.

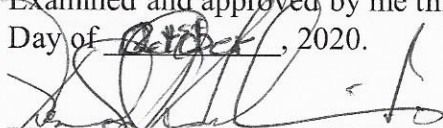
**Section 11. Savings Clause.** If any portion, part or provision of this Resolution should be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, unconstitutional, illegal or unenforceable, the Council of the Borough of New Britain hereby declares its intent that this Resolution shall have been adopted without regard to such unconstitutional, illegal, invalid or unenforceable portion thereof.

**Section 12. Effective Date.** This resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

**RESOLVED and ADOPTED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of New Britain  
this 13 day of October, 2020.

  
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Peter LaMontagne, Council President

  
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Samantha Bryant, Borough Secretary

Examined and approved by me this 21<sup>st</sup>  
Day of October, 2020.  
  
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David Holewinski, Mayor