

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2015

1800 Hrs – Meeting called to order By Chairman Metzler

Roll call conducted, members present: Chairman Metzler, Councilor Reese, Councilor Deering. Also present: Mayor Bradley, Police Chief Williams, Fire Chief Hall, Kim Brewer and Karen Taylor.

Public input period – Kim Brewer of Main Street Mount Joy commented on positive feedback she has received from merchants concerning the current enforcement effort of timed parking in the downtown area.

FDMJ Report presented by Fire Chief William Hall

- New radio system went into service at 0800 hrs on 18 May 15. No problems with the initial start-up
- Chief Hall requested and received an Event Talk Group from Lancaster County Communications for the Memorial Day Parade to be held on Saturday, 23 May 15
- Preparations continue to move the EOC from Council Chambers to the Fire Station.

EMA Report presented in writing, Ken Barto absent from meeting.

New Business covered by Police Chief Maurice M Williams, Jr

- Chief Williams responded to a written inquiry by Councilor Reese concerning the status of three line items in the police budget; Overtime, training and uniform line items. Chief Williams also covered cost saving on officer salaries YTD.
- Mayor Bradley responded to a written complaint concerning Main Street parking enforcement by a resident of the 1st block of E Main St. Further discussion of possible solutions to be initiated in conjunction with the Public Works Committee.
- A citizen complaint about the lack of left turn signals at Main and Manheim/New Haven Sts was discussed. Councilor Metzler advised that recent traffic counts at that intersection were not sufficient to justify an addition to the existing intersection traffic control signal. Councilor Deering asked that the data from the last traffic count and its cost be furnished at the next Committee meeting.

- Councilor Metzler asked that the budget be included as a new numbered agenda item on all future committee agendas.

-The committee asked that crash data be provided for the intersection of Donegal and New Haven Sts over the past five years.

1852 Hrs - Councilor Metzler excused himself from the remainder of the committee meeting to attend a previously scheduled appointment.

\Old Business covered by Police Chief Maurice M Williams, Jr

-Chief Williams advised that two items approved for purchase at the last committee meeting were approved by the council as a whole and purchase orders were submitted to the vendors.

-Chief Williams presented two quotes for a keyless entry security system and recommended the purchase of a system from Select Security. Councilor Reese made a motion to approve the recommended purchase, and Councilor Deering seconded the motion. The motion carried and will be included for consideration by the entire council at their next scheduled meeting.

-Chief Williams presented two quotes for the purchase of one unmarked vehicle or the lease of two unmarked vehicles and recommended the purchase of a single unmarked vehicle. Councilor Reese made a motion to approve the recommended purchase, and Councilor Deering seconded the motion. The motion carried and will be included for consideration by the entire council at their next scheduled meeting.

-The issuance of conditional offers of employment for both full time and part time Officers was discussed. Councilor Reese made a motion to approve the issuance of the conditional offers of employment for both full time and part time Officers and Councilor Deering seconded the motion. The motion carried and will be included for consideration by the entire council at their next scheduled meeting.

-Chief Williams discussed his unsuccessful efforts to borrow a traffic study/radar speed tracking sign from other Police Departments within the county. He recommended that the purchase of an All Traffic Solutions Radar Speed Sign be included for consideration on next year's budget.

Councilor Deering requested that a discussion of whether or not to make Park Alley @ Detweiler St into a one way traffic way be included as an agenda item for the June committee meeting.

1942 Hrs - Councilors Reese and Deering, Mayor Bradley and Chief Williams conducted a short executive session to discuss personnel matters. The executive session concluded at 1948 hrs.

1949 Hrs – Councilor Deering made a motion for adjournment and the motion was seconded by Councilman Reese.