

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

November 23, 2015

1805 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 and EMA Chairman Ken Barto.

Public input period – None

Approval of the minutes from the October 26, 2015, regular Public Safety Committee Meeting.

FDMJ Report presented by Fire Chief William Hall – 1807 Hrs

-Regional Recruiting Day is January 23rd, 2016. Eleven area Departments participating this year.

-Banner request submitted for Recruitment Day.

-Councilor Deering asked that the FDMJ report to council not be delayed a month and should be for the month immediately preceding the council meeting. Councilor Deering said that it is difficult for council to manage the fire department with dated information. Mayor Bradley said that council should be looking for trends and not micro managing the fire department.

EMA Report presented by Ken Barto. 1814 Hrs

-The possibility of new staff members joining EMA was discussed.

-Rick Hamm informed the committee that the next session of “Ready Mount Joy” would be held at the Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center on February 21st, 2016. The exercise will be based on a 72 hour snow event.

-Mayor Bradley asked why “Ready Mount Joy” exercises are not conducted in Mount Joy.

New Business covered by Police Chief Maurice M Williams, Jr

-Chief Williams responded to an inquiry concerning the removal of two stop signs within the Borough; Manheim and Main @ Hopewell St and S Plum Alley @ W Main St. Chief Williams informed the committee that removal of the signs would

not negatively impact the safety of the public. The committee then voted to remove both signs, pending a change to the Borough Ordinance.

-Winterfest preparations were discussed by Chief Williams.

-Parking 44-48 E Main St. This item is to remain on the agenda until the new train station parking plan is completed.

Old Business covered by Police Chief Maurice M Williams, Jr 1820 hrs

-Chief Williams advised that there was a completed Handicap Parking Spot application submitted by Hollie Shoultz of 743 W Main St. The committee voted to present the request to the council as a whole.

-Chief Williams responded to a request made by Councilor Deering at the October 26, 2015 Committee meeting, that a traffic study be conducted on N Barbara Street in response to complaints about speeding past the park. Chief Williams informed Councilor Deering that he was awaiting confirmation from Gary Jones of the Lancaster County Planning Commission on a start date for the study.

-A traffic complaint about vehicles turning left into the Post Office parking lot from E Main St was discussed. Mayor Bradley recommended that the situation be monitored until the Marietta Street Bridge is re-opened as that might clear up the traffic backlog along that portion of Main St.

-Mayor Bradley broached the topic of a Disruptive Property Ordinance to be discussed following the Holiday Break. He directed that the subject be placed on the January 25, 2016 meeting agenda.

Budget 1834 Hrs

-Chief Williams presented several items that he requested to be purchased with money from the 2015 budget. Moved to full council for approval

Public input period. 1846 hrs.

-Bill Hall suggested that any budgetary surplus funds be used to pay down pension debt.

At 1851 hrs Councilor Deering requested information on two issues that he received citizen complaints about. The first issue concerned the STOP sign at Marietta and Main Street. Chief Williams is to research who can modify the current STOP sign, adding a flashing red light to the top of the sign. The second issue concerned the crosswalk at Marietta and Main Street. Better marking of the intersection was suggested.

Chief Williams then read a letter he received from an individual who was stopped by Officer Dan Gordon, praising the Officer for his professionalism and demeanor.

At 1858 Hrs Councilors Metzler, Reese and Deering, Mayor Bradley and Chief Williams conducted a short executive session to discuss personnel matters. No decisions were made.

At 1705 hrs, councilor Deering made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Councilor Reese.