

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order By Councilor Reese AT 1830 Hrs.

ROLL CALL

Present were: Councilor Reese, Councilor Deering, Councilor Smeltz.

Also present: Mayor Bradley, Police Chief Williams, EMA Chairman Ken Barto, EMA Deputy Rick Hamm, EMA Deputy Peg Hamm.

PUBLIC INPUT

Dave Christian, 227 Park Avenue voiced concern about problem properties. Specifically the vacant property at 239 Park Avenue has been a problem in recent past. Councilor Reese stated that work is underway to identify disruptive properties but the committee is not ready to make a decision on specific ordinance wording at this meeting. Mayor Bradley explained the time line to review disruptive properties and how the Public Safety Committee will proceed.

Deb Waters, 951 W Main Street voiced concern with Apple Alley and would like it changed to a one-way street from Main Street to Church Street. This will stop Florin Hill traffic from using the alley and forcing cars to back out onto Main Street. Chief Williams will review and report his findings at the next meeting.

Dave Christian, 227 Park Avenue provided suggestions for the Disruptive Property Ordinance.

Kathy Cieslinski, 237 Park Avenue voiced concerns about inappropriate activity at 239 Park Avenue. Ms. Cieslinski also stated that she is very appreciative of the police response when called.

Heather Mcgrecki, 246 Park Avenue voiced concern over Absentee Property Managers and Absentee Landlords in regards to the Disruptive Property Ordinance.

Joan Helwig, 243 Park Avenue made comments regarding criminal activity from 239 Park Avenue. She expressed her thanks to the police for speedy response times.

The Committee members discussed that the Disruptive Property Ordinance must take into account all rental properties. Rental Property inspections are now required every two years which will give the Borough an opportunity to act if violations exist. The

Committee has heard the concerns of residents and will act upon them but it will take time to do a thorough job.

Dave Christian asked what can residents do to help? The committee stated to call Codes Enforcement Stacie Gibbs and continue to call the police.

Public Input closed at 19:04pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Councilor Smeltz and a second by Councilor Deering, approval of the minutes for the regular Public Safety Committee meeting held on January 25, 2016 with the addendum of nomination of chairman added. Motion carried.

FDMJ REPORT

None

EMA REPORT

Ken Barto gave a report on Ready Mount Joy IV that was held on February 4, 2016. Rick Hamm stated that more local participation is needed and invited the Chief and Mayor to participate in the next Ready Mount Joy event.

OLD BUSINESS

Disruptive Property

Ordinances from other municipalities have been reviewed. Next step is for Chief Williams and Codes Enforcement Stacie Gibbs to develop a draft ordinance and present to the Committee at the next meeting pending Codes Enforcement Gibbs schedule.

Handicap Parking

128 North Barbara Street - signs are now installed.

Discussion on how to manage spaces when people no longer live at that location. At this time, Public Works is working on an inventory of existing spaces as they travel throughout the Borough.

New Unmarked Vehicle Purchase

Car is being equipped with lights, siren, and graphics.

Parking 44-48 East Main Street

Decisions need to be made regarding parking permits. This can be done now rather than waiting for the entire train station project to get underway as that may

be awhile. Councilor Deering will research. This will remain on agenda until future train station is built with additional parking available.

Signs at Marietta Ave & Main Streets

Chief Williams stated that multiple regulatory signs are not permitted but could find nothing that prohibits other types of signs.

NEW BUSINESS

Rifle Sight Recall

Chief Williams is waiting on information on how to turn in recalled rifle sights. Part of the replacement cost will be incurred by the vendor. Each sight will cost approximately \$400.

Cyclone Football Team Noise Ordinance Exception

Request received to grant exception to noise ordinance to allow announcements and music to be played during half time. This request is received annually. Motion to present to full council made by Councilor Smeltz, seconded by Councilor Reese. Motion passed unanimously.

License Plate Reader (Act 89)

The state wants to eliminate stickers for license plates for registrations. License plate readers will be needed to read license plates and determine if registration is current. There is a chance that grants will be available. If not, the average price is \$16,000 per reader. This will have to be a budget item if no grants are available.

Police Department Press Release on Borough Web Site

Chief Williams received a request to publish the press release on the Mount Joy Borough website. Chief Williams will determine the best approach and report his decision at the next meeting.

Mount Joy Borough Pension Plan Audit Report

This will be sent to the Admin/Finance Committee.

BUDGET

Because of the ongoing audit, the spreadsheet with budget figures is not available this month.

PUBLIC INPUT

Bruce Haigh, 504 Rose Petal Lane reported traffic issues at School Lane and Florin Avenue. People are going too fast and parking in the opposite direction of traffic because of the school bus stop. People are using this as a shortcut to Union School Road which it

is not intended to be. He is requesting that the intersection be changed to a four-way stop sign and crosswalks and curbs painted. Chief Williams stated that in order to change to a four-way stop, PennDOT must approve the change but will need a traffic study done first. Chief Williams will request the traffic study. Public Works can paint the intersection and crosswalks when the weather is warmer.

Regarding the Disruptive Property Ordinance, Mr. Haigh stated that the same standards to renters must apply to owners.

Kim Brewer, Main Street Mount Joy welcomed Councilor Smeltz and invited him to tour the Main Street Mount Joy offices. The Chocolate Tour is Friday from 5PM – 8PM and Saturday from 11AM – 4PM. Ticket sales will be cutoff at 150 tickets and are selling fast.

Ms. Brewer also stated that Main Street Mount Joy supports the Committee’s effort in creating a Disruptive Property Ordinance.

12. **ANY OTHER MATTERS**

Councilor Deering – discussion regarding adding signs to stop signs at Marietta Ave & Main Street to remind motorists to “Look Left/Look Right”.

Councilor Deering – discussion regarding an email received from the Civil Service Commission. Three concerns were on the email. The committee stated that additional information is needed.

Councilor Deering – discussion regarding the status of regionalization. A formal decision was not received. Mayor Bradley will reach out to committee members to get a formal report.

Mayor Bradley – reports will be forward to the Committee and recommendations will be sent to full council.

Mayor Bradley – in the future, all agenda items must be submitted by close of business the Wednesday prior to the next meeting. This will give all parties time to review the item and get final paperwork ready for the meeting.

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Committee broke into Executive Session at 21:16 Hrs.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 2129 Hrs. Councilor Smeltz made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Councilor Reese.

Submitted by Susan Birchall