

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

March 28, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order By Councilor Reese AT 1831 Hrs.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present: Mayor Bradley, Police Chief Williams

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Agenda adopted by Councilor Smeltz, seconded by Councilor Reese

PUBLIC INPUT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the regular Public Safety Committee meeting held on February 22, 2016 were approved on a motion by Councilor Smeltz and a second by Councilor Reese,

FDMJ REPORT

None

EMA REPORT

None

OLD BUSINESS

Disruptive Property

Draft ordinance for Disruptive Properties reviewed and discussed at length. Prior to finalization of ordinance, additional information is needed:

- How are license issued – is it per unit or property?
- What is the time frame for the landlord to comply?
- What is the definition of ‘family’?
- How long is license to rent lost if landlord does not comply?

Once these questions are answered the ordinance will be finalized and sent to council for review.

Press Release on Borough Website

Should be available toward the end of April.

Rifle Sight Recall

Two options are available – one is older technology and requires batteries in rifle sights to be replaced every three months. Second option is newer technology and the battery has a five year warranty. The newer technology will cost approximately \$1700 vs \$1100 for the older technology. But since the older technology requires batteries at a cost of approximately \$650, it makes sense to go with the newer technology rifle sights. Agreed and will be sent to full council.

Traffic complaint – E Main/Marietta Ave

Chief Williams conducted a visual sight study and reported that the majority of drivers did not come to a full stop at the intersection. Before investing on additional signage, the police department will work on enforcement.

Apple Alley One Way Designation Review

Chief Williams made the recommendation that this be designated as a one-way street traveling north – from Main Street toward Church Street. Councilors Reese and Smeltz voted yea, Councilor Deering voted nay. Motion carried. Public Works will be notified to install signs designating as one-way.

License Plate Reader

Chief Williams reported there has been no action from the State. He is exploring grant possibilities.

Traffic Studies – N Barbara St and Florin/School Lane

Chief Williams reported that the County Engineer’s office will be conducting a traffic study in late May/June for N Barbara Street. He has not received confirmation from the County if they will conduct the study for Florin/School Lane. The possibility exists that the Borough will have to hire the Borough engineer to conduct this study.

Parking 44-48 E Main Street

No action.

NEW BUSINESS

Memorial Day Parade

Received email from PennDOT authorizing the closure of streets for the parade.

Taste of Mount Joy/Car Show

Request to close street is still pending from PennDOT.

Parking Ordinance Exception – 205 N Barbara Street

Discussed the request for parking exception to allow a trailer to be parked on the 200 block of N Barbara Street. The exception will be granted but will stipulate that either the 15 passenger van or the trailer may be parked on the street; if both the van and trailer are parked, the trailer will be in violation of the ordinance and the police can take appropriate action. Additionally, the Public Works department will be contacted to paint the curb yellow at the intersection.

FDMJ Fire Police Event Participation Awareness

Several Event Participation forms submitted for review. Discussion regarding insurance coverage and if the current Mutual Aid agreement applies. A motion by Councilor Smeltz to approve requests and move to council and seconded by Councilor Deering. Motion carried.

BUDGET

Budget report submitted by Chief Williams showing line items that have exceeded the budget. Councilor Deering asked what the overtime is at this time. Chief Williams reported that it is currently at 9.55% but much overtime occurs during the summer months.

PUBLIC INPUT

Dave Christian, 227 Park Avenue wanted clarification on some items in the Disruptive Property Ordinance and thanked the board for the work done and feels that it is a good start thus far.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Chief Williams presented a hang tag that will be used for businesses when the police are dispatched after normal business hours.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Committee broke into Executive Session at 2022 Hrs.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2045 Hrs. Councilor Reese made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Councilor Smeltz.

Submitted by Susan Birchall