

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

July 25, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Councilor Reese at 1830 Hrs.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present: Mayor Bradley, Police Chief Williams

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Agenda adopted by Councilor Deering, seconded by Councilor Smeltz

PUBLIC INPUT

Ned Sterling, 13 West Main Street inquired about the timing of the traffic lights. This was discussed at the last Borough Council meeting and Scott Hershey is taking action. Mr. Sterling also asked if the Disruptive Property Ordinance will be provided to the public. It will be posted on the website for review.

Kim Brewer, Main Street Mount Joy expressed thanks to the police department for making sure all were safe during the Car Show this past Saturday. She also thanked the Chief for the work he did on the ISP. Also thanked was Mayor Bradley.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the regular Public Safety Committee meeting held on June 27, 2016 were approved on a motion by Councilor Deering and a second by Councilor Smeltz.

FDMJ REPORT

None

EMA REPORT

Ken Barto reported that training is scheduled for August 11 at the Public Safety Training Center. On November 10 there will be a planning session also scheduled at the Public Safety Training Center.

OLD BUSINESS

Disruptive Property Ordinance

The review by the Borough solicitor is complete and everything appears to be in order. Mayor Bradley clarified that the ordinance will be moved to Borough Council for their review. At a later date, the ordinance will be posted on the website for public review.

Traffic Complaint at School and Florin

Chief Williams provided excerpts from the US Department of Transportation Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Section 2B.04 Right-of-Way Intersections states that the use of a Stop sign or Yield sign may only be used if vehicular traffic averages more than 2000 per day, or ability to see conflicting traffic is not sufficient, or there have been five or more crashes due to failure to yield the right-of-way within a three year period. Additionally, stop signs and yield signs are not to be used for speed control. Based on this information, the intersection does not meet the criteria needed for additional stop signs. Chief Williams will contact the Home Owners Association.

Main Street Parking

No action.

Parking 44-48 E Main Street

No action.

NEW BUSINESS

Crosswalk at E Main St and Marietta Ave

Mayor Bradley discussed installing lighted crosswalks at the intersection of East Main Street and Marietta Avenue. Chief Williams stated that Public Works Department just received funding to paint the crosswalks. Under consideration is taking out the curb cutout for Handicap which will force pedestrians to cross on the east side which is believed to be safer. The Public Safety Committee highly supports the installation of crosswalk lights and would like the Public Works Department to seek funding. Kim Brewer, Main Street Mount Joy stated that she is notified when the bid application process is open and will notify the committee as soon as she hears anything.

Radar Speed Sign Deployment

Chief Williams reported that the two Radar Speed Signs have been installed and data is being collected. The signs were installed on Donegal Springs Road and on North Barbara Street for two weeks. Using the data collected, the police department will be targeting enforcement in specific areas. The Chief has had

several residents thank him for installing the signs as well as requests to install the signs on specific streets.

Street Closure request - Letter

A public auction will be held on Frederick Street and a request to close the street has been submitted to the police department. The request is approved pending the auction company providing someone to handle traffic control. Chief Williams will make contact with the requestor to discuss the approval.

BUDGET

Budget report submitted by Chief Williams showing line items that have exceeded the budget. Chief Williams made note that the training budget expenditures are at 91% but that is because some training classes had to be pre-paid. Councilor Reese thanked Chief Williams for the details provided on the budget.

PUBLIC INPUT

Ned Sterling, 13 West Main Street, inquired why the two items on the agenda for parking are tabled. Councilor Smeltz addressed his concerns.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Committee broke into Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1949 Hrs. Councilor Reese made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilor Smeltz.

Submitted by Susan Birchall