

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

August 22, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Councilor Reese at 1836 Hrs.

ROLL CALL

Present were: Councilor Reese and Councilor Deering

Also present: Mayor Bradley, Police Chief Williams

Absent: Councilor Smeltz

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Agenda adopted by Councilor Deering, seconded by Councilor Reese

PUBLIC INPUT

Dale Murray, 344 Locust Lane, expressed his concern that some of the wording in the Disruptive Property Ordinance is vague and requested clarification on specific points in the ordinance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the regular Public Safety Committee meeting held on July 25, 2016 were approved on a motion by Councilor Deering and a second by Councilor Reese.

FDMJ REPORT

None

EMA REPORT

Currently teaching staff to read the phonetic alphabet and read latitude/longitude. A representative from Crossroads Church of the Brethren is working on their emergency response. Councilor Deering is organizing a breakfast meeting at the church and Mr. Barto stated that he hopes to involve all local churches in order to discuss emergency procedures in the event of an incident. Training for Borough personnel was discussed and will be added to next month's agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

Disruptive Property Ordinance

Recommendation to adopt the Disruptive Property Ordinance. Councilor Deering made a motion that the Disruptive Property Ordinance be moved to Borough Council for approval. Motion seconded by Council Reese.

Radar Speed Sign Deployment

The two speed signs have been at Manheim/Mount Joy Road and the 500 block of Union School Road. The Chief reported that he has had requests from residents to place the signs at several locations throughout the Borough. Some streets do not meet the criteria to place the signs based on the distance to objects that will be interfering with the signs. Councilor Deering reported that he has received many compliments from residents regarding the signs. Mayor Bradley discussed if additional signs should be purchased.

Crosswalk at E Main St and Marietta Ave

Councilor Deering reported that Public Works is also reviewing this intersection. One possible option is to remove the crosswalk on the east side and remove the ADA (Handicap) curbing. The committee is in favor of a temporary closure but not a permanent closure at this time. Mayor Bradley discussed the possibility of forming a committee to discuss the intersection with Public Works, Public Safety Committee, and himself. A recommendation was made to collect data for the number of pedestrians use the crosswalk and have the data available by September 12, 2016.

Main Street Parking

No action.

Parking 44-48 E Main Street

No action.

NEW BUSINESS

Drone Complaints

The Homeowner's Association at Florin Hill is concerned about drones being used in the neighborhood. One individual was flying a drone and hovering over swimming pools, backyards, and outside of second story windows. The individual was given a copy of the new FAA regulations by the police which will take effect on August 29, 2016. He stated that he will no longer fly over the neighborhood and will fly over the nearby vacant field. The committee discussed if a local ordinance was needed. It was decided that the new regulations are sufficient at this time.

Event Request Ordinance

Mayor Bradley discussed the need for an Event Ordinance. Discussion regarding giving volunteer organizations enough lead time to have volunteers available during the event. Chief Williams will research to find examples that other municipalities are currently using and report back to the committee.

BUDGET

Budget report submitted by Chief Williams showing line items that have exceeded the budget. Chief Williams noted that the reimbursement for the rifle sights is pending until the old optics are returned. The new security camera system will be purchased after the rifle reimbursement is received. Because of the delay, the camera system will have to be re-bid. Chief Williams also made note that in 2017, the Expedition will have to be replaced based on the standard turnover for replacement vehicles for the police department.

PUBLIC INPUT

Dale Murray, 344 Locust Lane, inquired why the two items on the agenda for parking are tabled. Councilor Smeltz addressed his concerns.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2045 Hrs. Councilor Deering made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilor Reese.

Submitted by Susan Birchall