

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Councilor Reese at 1832 Hrs.

ROLL CALL

Present were: Councilor Reese, Councilor Deering, Councilor Smeltz, Mayor Bradley, and Police Chief Williams.

Also present: Sam Sulkosky.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Agenda adopted by Councilor Deering, seconded by Councilor Reese.

PUBLIC INPUT

Wendy Sweigart, 28 South Market Street, Mount Joy addressed parking issues in the area around her residence; specifically creating a 'Residence Only Parking' area. Ms. Sweigart stated that parking was discussed in 2012 and she can provide details regarding the discussion and action items. Councilor Deering stated that ordinances had to be changed at that time but the Borough Council did not approve the changes. Mayor Bradley stated that any information she has will be helpful. Councilor Reese stated that until there is definitive information from Amtrak that it is difficult to make an informed decision on changing parking within the Borough.

Kim Brewer, Main Street Mount Joy, reported to the committee that as part of their designation package, surveys must be updated and the parking survey is part of that. The survey will be posted on the website and in the newsletter and will also be distributed to the project area on Main Street. Mayor Bradley requested that the survey area be expanded to more than just the project area. Any questions regarding the survey should be directed to Councilor Reese and he will distribute to Ms. Brewer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes for the regular Public Safety Committee meeting held on March 27, 2017 was made by Councilor Deering and seconded by Councilor Reese. Motion carried unanimously.

FDMJ REPORT

Mayor Bradley reported that the new truck is scheduled to be delivered on time.

EMA REPORT

Matt Kratz was absent but provided a letter to the committee stating that he is working on getting the EMA staff trained and up to date. Mr. Sulkosky reported that the Borough website for EMA hasn't been updated recently but Mr. Kratz is working on getting the updates posted.

OLD BUSINESS

Main Street Parking – 20:04

Mayor Bradley No action.

Parking 44-48 E Main Street

No action.

Main & Marietta cross walk update

Mayor Bradley attended the Public Works meeting in which the cross walk and train station were discussed. Mayor Bradley suggested that a joint meeting be held to inform all interested parties on what has been discussed and what expectations are with PennDOT. Discussed was the creation of a new committee consisting of members from all existing committees in order to develop a long range plan and to keep all interested parties informed. Chief Williams was requested to add the creation of the committee to the agenda of the next Borough Council meeting.

Councilor Smeltz began discussion with PennDOT regarding re-routing of State Route 772. PennDOT will be providing multiple options as soon as possible.

Main St crosswalks – audible walk signal

The hardware for the audible walk signal has been ordered. As soon as the parts are delivered the cross walk will be updated.

Handicapped Parking Space Program

Borough Council requested a modification to the proposed Handicapped Parking Space Ordinance as presented by Chief Williams. Chief Williams made the requested change to further define a 'Medical Provider'. The Committee requested that the proposed Ordinance be added to the agenda for the next Borough Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Body Cams

Chief Williams was contacted by a vendor that will provide every officer in the County with a Body Cam for a one year trial period. Chief Williams stated that the Pennsylvania Legislature has not voted on the use of Body Cams and at this time, the current Wire Tap laws apply to the use of such devices. At this time, Chief Williams stated that Mount Joy Borough Police will not accept the offer. If at a later date the law is changed and the offer is made, he will re-evaluate and determine if appropriate.

License Plate Readers

Lancaster City Police has License Plate Readers that they will loan to agencies interested in using them. Councilor Deering inquired on the legality of using the readers. Chief Williams stated that there is no expectation of privacy and the readers only verify that the license plate is a valid plate and is not expired. It also checks to verify if the plate/vehicle is stolen or owned by a wanted person.

Citizen Complaint – towing

A complaint was received by a citizen regarding a local towing company. Chief Williams and the complaint was unfounded.

BUDGET

No budget report was available for this meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT

Kim Brewer, Main Street Mount Joy, reported that Emanuel Hoffer has been ill and will not be able to water the planters this year. Volunteers with trucks are needed to haul water and take care of all the planters. The planters will be planted on May 21 and a truck is needed that day. Future care is needed three days a week for approximately 2-3 hours. Mayor Bradley stated that something should be posted on Facebook in the hopes to find volunteers.

ANY OTHER MATTER PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Mayor Bradley reported that he received an email and the Budweiser Clydesdales will be coming to Mount Joy. The Borough will be reimbursed for any officers that will be working overtime during this event. Chief Williams will check with PennDOT to find out if any special permits will be required because the team will be going down Main Street.

Councilor Deering asked about the new speed signs purchased and when they will be put into service. Chief Williams stated that one of the signs was defective and had to be

returned to the vendor. Chief Williams also stated that Longenecker Road is scheduled to have a sign set up as soon as one is available.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The committee went into Executive Session at 1930 Hrs.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2016 Hrs. Councilor Deering made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilor Smeltz.

Submitted by Susan Birchall