

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

August 26, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Councilor Fahndrich at 18:32 Hrs.

ROLL CALL

Present were: Councilor Fahndrich, Councilor Hall, Councilor Eichler, Mayor Bradley and Chief Williams. Also present was Borough Manager Sam Sulkosky.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Councilor Hall, seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion to adopt agenda carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

Kurt Enck of 215 Blossom Trail inquired about the new stop sign erected at Fairview Lane and Martin Avenue. He wasn't aware that a new sign had been installed; feels it is a safety/hazard concern. Discussion regarding putting flashing beacon on west side of intersection to alert residents of the new sign. Public Safety Committee thought the stop sign was to include, except right hand turn; need to review the minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes for the Public Safety Committee meeting held on July 22, 2019 was made by Councilor Eichler. Motion seconded by Councilor Hall. Motion to approve minutes carried unanimously.

FDMJ REPORT

FDMJ Chief Gohn was not in attendance. No report received for this meeting.

EMA REPORT

Matt Kratz said that the Borough did not have a good location for the camera for Little Chiques Creek so it will be installed in Mount Joy Township. He sent the Flood Annex electronically but no feedback to date; plan to revisit it next month. He is starting to

review the Snow Emergency Plan. They have a student/intern from Millersville University who will be attending different events and will share her insight to the Public Safety Committee. There is an Incident Command Training on September 30, 2019 at 6pm. There is an EMA meeting on October 17, 2019. All upcoming meetings will be forthcoming via electronic mail.

SVEMS REPORT

There was a total of sixty six calls in the Borough; forty four were covered by SVEMS; ten were covered by another entity. Rob Walker of SVEMS discussed staff restructuring with the addition of a life support squad based in Mount Joy weekdays from 6am to 6:30pm; weekends will continue to be staffed with MICUs. Training academy is looking at twelve recruits with training to begin on September 30, 2019. SVEMS has a 96% first pass; state average is 64% first pass.

OLD BUSINESS

Main Street Parking

Mayor Bradley said that the continued conversation will be in concert with Amtrak train station parking after things become more solidified toward the end of the year.

Main & Marietta Cross Walk Update

Councilor Fahndrich forwarded information to Borough Manager Sam Sulkosky who has not heard anything back. Mayor Bradley suggests we reach out to PennDOT Deputy Secretary of Transportation for a face-to-face meeting.

Facilities Use Form

Councilor Hall circulated an updated Facilities Use Form; page one remains the same; page two has the addition of Street Closures. He is looking for feedback from the Public Safety Committee. He will be adding one section at a time.

EMS Response Time

Councilor Fahndrich will continue the discussion with Mike Fitzgibbons. Mayor Bradley would like to see a policy addressing this situation.

Part Time Officer Update

Chief Williams is waiting for the results of the psychological and physical examinations. Everything should be back by 09/09/2019 to bring before Council. Questioned whether or not the Public Safety Committee needed to meet with part time candidates as they do full time; they do not.

Suicide Awareness and Prevention Walk (Update)

Dave Christian presented a map of the event/walk which will be held by the Rotary Club, having lost two Rotarians to suicide, in concert with Milanof Schock Library. The event will take place on 09/14/2019; registration starts at 8:00am with the walk beginning around 8:20am. No fire police will be needed; walkers will follow the rules of the road. They are having an organizational meeting on Thursday in case you have any concerns/questions. Ribbons have been purchased that will be affixed to trees and poles along the route to raise awareness. Chief Williams will place ribbons, provided by Dave Christian, on the police vehicles. Mayor Bradley suggested that instead of crossing at the Clock that they cross in front of the Borough Office at the pedestrian crossing, at which time Mayor Bradley will do a Proclamation declaring Suicide Awareness Day.

NEW BUSINESS

Winterfest 2019

Chief Williams presented proposed route closure which would be Main Street from Market Street to Barbara Street. He would like it presented to Council for approval to send form TE-300 to PennDOT. Councilor Hall made motion to send to full council on 09/09/19, seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion carried unanimously.

Country Drug Task Force

Chief Williams attended the Chiefs of Police meeting where discussion ensued on the need for more funding. As of 12/31/19 midnight, the task force may cease to exist if no funding is received.

2020 Police Department Budget Breakdown

Officer Gordon presented a breakdown of startup and annualized costs for a canine. Councilor Hall made a motion for Officer Gordon to present for five minutes at the next Council meeting (09/09/19). Councilor Eichler seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

Chief Williams presented the 2020 budget for the police department. Some line items increased, however no increase in training, general expenses, uniforms, communication costs. Lexipol, new line item, was discussed in length as to what they offer to the department. Chief Cunningham has offered to attend the next Public Safety meeting to discuss the advantages of Lexipol, as his department utilizes it. Public Safety Committee members to email Chief Williams with a list of questions to address with Lexipol. Chief Williams has applied for a grant for new ballistic vests.

Cyber Security Response Plan and Annex (Mayor)

Mayor Bradley recently attended a meeting on PA Legal Update. Our all Hazards Plan does not include a Cyber Security Annex and Incident Action Plan on police and borough department levels which Mayor Bradley and Councilor Hall agreed we need a policy. Mayor Bradley asked Matt Kratz, EMA, to do some research on what it is going to take to create a Cyber Security Annex and report back to Public Safety meeting on 09/23/19.

Left Turn Phase Criteria

Sam Sulkosky received a call from PennDOT concerning a complaint about no left turn signals at the intersection of New Haven and Manheim Streets. PennDOT sent form TE-160, Application for Traffic Signal Approval for completion, if the Borough is interested. Public Safety Committee would like to bring to full council discussion on re-routing; left turn concern; and any other relevant issue so a letter can be drafted to PennDOT for a face-to-face meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

Josh Deering inquired about the speed signs as he has not seen them lately. Chief Williams will follow up.

Josh Deering stated that the no parking signs have been installed and was thankful for it.

Josh Deering inquired about the part time officer position.

ANY OTHER MATTER PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Borough Manager Sam Sulkosky met with representatives from Make-A-Wish, Rapho, Penn and Mount Joy Townships to discuss the upcoming convoy. Those three townships have until the end of the September to approve.

Borough Manager Sam Sulkosky inquire about changing the location of the next Council meeting to St. Mark's Church and that was agreed to do so.

Both Councilor Eichler and Fahndrich attended Saturday's meeting at the Fire Department; very good presentation and excellent overall.

Councilor Fahndrich attended a meeting on SR6 on allowing fire departments to bill insurance. There are many fire and EMS initiatives. They are hoping to present something to the Governor this fall.

Councilor Hall requested that Josh Deering be permitted to attend the real estate portion of the Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS

The committee went into Executive Session to discuss real estate, personnel and legal matters at 22:15 Hrs.

ADJOURNMENT

At 22:51 Hrs. Councilor Hall made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by Diana Ellis