

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Councilor Reese at 1830 Hrs.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present: Sam Sulkosky.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Agenda adopted by Councilor Smeltz, seconded by Councilor Reese.

PUBLIC INPUT

Kim Brewer, Main Street Mount Joy, recently attended a meeting with PDC (Pennsylvania Downtown Center) and reported that a Multimodal grant application is opening the end of March through July. This grant will require a 30-35% match for any monies awarded. This grant money can be used to improve problem intersections in the Borough.

Mayor Bradley reported that an open house was held at the fire company. It was well attended by local churches and others.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the regular Public Safety Committee meeting held on January 23, 2016 were approved on a motion by Councilor Smeltz and a second by Councilor Reese. Motion carried unanimously.

FDMJ REPORT

No report.

EMA REPORT

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Main Street Parking

No action.

Parking 44-48 E Main Street

No action.

Main & Marietta cross walk update

Chief Williams received an email containing the engineer drawing with examples of possible hardware to install at the intersection.

Steve Gault from Michael Baker International referred to the LTAP report which recommended moving the crosswalk from the east side of the intersection. He is concerned that this will force everyone to cross Marietta Avenue which doesn't really improve the intersection.

For both crosswalks, squaring up the intersection will improve visibility of both pedestrians and traffic. Squaring up the intersection will require removal of the left turn lane. This will then require re-routing of State Route 772 which will have to be approved by PennDOT.

Councilor Smeltz will begin discussion with PennDOT.

Main St crosswalks – audible walk signal

Chief Williams has been in contact with Public Works Director Nissley regarding what audio equipment to purchase.

Mount Joy Memorial Day Parade Request

Chief Williams provided the final packet of information for the Memorial Day Parade.

Banner Request, Milanof-Schock Library

Chief Williams received the permit in the mail for the banner.

New Vehicle Purchase

Chief Williams presented proposal for the purchase of a new vehicle. He stated that the price of a truck is about the same as a SUV. A motion to recommend to Borough Council to approve the purchase of a Dodge Ram 1500 as outlined in the proposal presented by Chief Williams was made by Councilor Smeltz. Councilor Reese seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to accept the trade-in proposal as presented by Chief Williams was made by Councilor Smeltz and seconded by Councilor Reese. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Handicapped Parking Space Request – 39 Mount Joy Street

A request for a handicap parking space at 39 Mount Joy Street was approved by Councilor Smeltz and seconded by Councilor Reese.

Handicapped Parking Space Policy

Councilor Reese presented the Handicap Parking Space policy. Mayor Bradley stated that the police should include the removal process of a sign along with the time frame. Councilor Smeltz discussed a proposed time frame for renewal of the parking space.

MSMJ Car Show Request

Received a request from MSMJ (Main Street Mount Joy) for closure of Main Street. This event will take place on July 29, 2017. There was discussion concerning business owners selling products on the sidewalk in front of their businesses during the event. Chief Williams advised that assuming PennDOT approves the street closure, MSMJ is responsible and holds liability insurance for all activities on the street as well as the sidewalks. Sidewalks must still meet the requirements of the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act).

Permission to forward the request to PennDOT for street closure was approved by a motion by Councilor Smeltz and seconded by Councilor Reese.

BUDGET

No budget report was available for this meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT

Kim Brewer, Main Street Mount Joy, reported that the Chocolate Fest was a great success with over 7400 people attending the event.

ANY OTHER MATTER PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Sam Sulkosky reported that a new Emergency Management Coordinator has been named and will be appointed later this spring.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The committee went into Executive Session at 2010 Hrs.

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A motion to recommend to Mount Joy Borough Council to hire Nicholas Goss to fill the open position of Police Officer was made by Councilor Smeltz and seconded by Councilor Reese. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2014 Hrs. Councilor Smeltz made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilor Reese.

Submitted by Susan Birchall