

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

July 24, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Councilor Hall at 1838 Hrs.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present: Sam Sulkosky.

ELECTION OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Councilor Reese has moved to the Administration and Finance Committee leaving the Chairman position open for the Public Safety Committee. Councilor Smeltz recommended the appointment of Councilor Hall to the chairmanship of the committee; seconded by Councilor Deering. Motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted by Councilor Deering, seconded by Councilor Smeltz. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes for the regular Public Safety Committee meeting held on May 22, 2017 was made by Councilor Smeltz and seconded by Councilor Deering. Councilor Hall abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

FDMJ REPORT

No report.

EMA REPORT

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Main Street Parking
No report.

Main & Marietta cross walk update
No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Clydesdales event, September 7th, 2017

Chief Williams reported that the Clydesdales event is on schedule as planned. They are planning a procession down Main Street but it will not be necessary to request permission from PennDOT to close the street.

Elimination of two parking spaces in the 1st block of E Donegal St

A request to eliminate two parking spaces was received to make it easier for the tractor trailer drivers at Donsco to make the turn. Chief Williams watched traffic flow and did not identify any issues and no tractor trailer drivers have complained. The committee agreed that because no problem was observed that no action will be taken at this time. It will be monitored to insure no problems arise in the future.

Change sign @ S Barbara St & E Donegal St

Change the sign from 'Local Delivery' to 'No Trucks Over 26,000 lbs'. After discussion, it was decided to table this issue to next month's meeting. A motion to delay decision until the August meeting was made by Councilor Smeltz and seconded by Councilor Deering. Motion passed unanimously.

Inconsistency in Mount Joy borough Parking Ordinance §255-71 A, Violations and Penalties

Chief Williams proposed that a change to the Parking Ordinance be made to correct inconsistencies with the payment amounts. A motion to correct the penalty amount to be consistent at \$20 was made by Councilor Deering and seconded by Councilor Smeltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Banner request for Clydesdale Event

A resolution was made by Councilor Smeltz to approve the banner application and forward to Borough Council; seconded by Councilor Deering. Resolution passed unanimously.

New UCR reporting system – NIBRS

Chief Williams reported that the Mount Joy Police Department was selected by the FBI to participate as a pilot agency for National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) reporting. Currently police departments throughout

Pennsylvania are required to report statistics to the FBI. The current reporting method; Uniform Crime Report (UCR) is a summary based reporting system and only total numbers of specific Incident types are reported. The new system; NIBRS is an Incident based report where specific details must be reported on each qualifying Incident. Because of the change in reporting requirements, it is expected that crime statistics may increase by as much as 10% because of the new method and higher accuracy of actual crimes committed.

New RMS

The County Information Technology Department has informed the Police Chiefs Association that they will no longer support the police in Lancaster County with any of their computer requirements; including the records management system (PREX) currently in use. Because of this, and because of the new NIBRS reporting that will be required by the state, the current records system will have to be replaced. The Lancaster County Chief's Association is currently evaluating software packages from four vendors to determine the vendor that will best meet the needs of the police. At this time, the cost for the replacement systems is not known.

BUDGET

Chief Williams submitted the budget report showing line items that have exceeded the budget. Overall, the budget is on track and is \$35,545.36 under budget for the year.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

ANY OTHER MATTER PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Chief Williams reported that with the recent rainfall, the front office of the police station flooded again. This is a recurring problem when there are heavy rains. Public Works did some work to repair the problem but it is still flooding. Chief Williams also reported that the police department is running out of space and the department either needs to be renovated or move to another building.

The testing and interviews for the Sergeant's position is complete and the list of eligible candidates will be presented to Borough Council at the next meeting and a Sergeant will be selected.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2000 Hrs. Councilor Smeltz made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilor Hall.

Submitted by Susan Birchall