

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

November 27, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Councilor Hall at 1830 Hrs.

ROLL CALL

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

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 September 25, 2017 as amended was made by Councilor Smeltz. Motion seconded by Councilor Deering. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve the minutes for the regular Public Safety Committee meeting held on October 30, 2017 was made by Councilor Smeltz. Motion seconded by Councilor Deering. Motion carried unanimously.

FDMJ REPORT

No report.

EMA REPORT

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Main Street Parking

Mayor Bradley still hasn't heard anything from the Michael Baker. He will follow up this week.

Main & Marietta cross walk update

Councilor Smeltz reported that he has received preliminary results of options to re-route SR772E that may have an impact on the Main & Marietta cross walk. Councilor Smeltz will be attending a meeting on December 14 with PennDOT and the Engineer. The options will be reviewed and pro/cons identified with each option. Councilor Smeltz will present the results of the meeting to the committee for review.

Winterfest 2017

Chief Williams reported that the ISP is completed and has been sent to participating agencies. Everything is going as planned and Winterfest is on schedule.

Facilities Use Form

No report

Request for commercial vehicle parking from Scott Felton

Mr. Felton is no longer parking the truck on Farmview Lane.

Request to limit oversized vehicles on N Market Ave

The draft of the ordinance was received and reviewed. Councilor Smeltz made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented in the draft and move to Council. Councilor Deering seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Authorized activities of the fire company

Zachary Dennis, Vice President, Mount Joy Fire Company discussed proposed changes to Ordinance §28-15. Authorized activities of Fire Companies. The proposed changes will further define, in legal language, what activities fire company personnel will be covered for insurance purposes. Wording requested is "Engage in the performance of any other duty or activity authorized by an officer of the recognized fire companies."

Councilor Deering made a motion to accept the changes and move to full council. Seconded by Councilor Smeltz. Motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET

Chief Williams provided the committee with a breakdown of the current budget showing line items that have exceeded the budget. Overall, the budget is on track and is approximately six percent under budget for the year which represents about \$76,650.

Invoices still have not been submitted for the uniforms which will be around \$4,000. There are several other items that will have to be paid this year but will be only about another \$4,000.

The committee discussed moving excess money from 2017 into 2018 and how it can be accomplished. Also discussed are the needs of the police department for a facilities upgrade and a new police records system. Mayor Bradley reminded the committee that every time it rains heavily, the rainwater comes into the business office in the police department and soaks the floor. Additionally the locker rooms and plumbing are in a state of disrepair.

Chief Williams will provide a final budget amount of what can be set aside for the 2018 budget for the next Borough Council meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

ANY OTHER MATTER PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Councilor Deering asked for an update on the Birchland Avenue issue. Chief Williams stated that the current speed signs cannot work in that area because the sight of vision is obstructed. After discussing installing a post for the speed signs, Councilor Smeltz requested that Chief Williams investigate a mobile solution and if possible purchase a mobile speed sign in 2017.

Councilor Deering stated that the crosswalk at Main and Marietta was painted by Public Works but the east side of the intersection was not completed. Councilor Smeltz stated that every crosswalk should be done until a decision is made on what is being done with the intersection.

Councilor Hall discussed opting out for mini-casinos. Mayor Bradley stated that he believes that type of facility is a bad idea and he believes we should opt out. Councilor Deering reported that he did unscientific polling on Election Day and the vast majority of people stated that they are not in favor and feel that the Borough should opt out.

Mayor Bradley stated that he is glad that the committee discussed the future direction regarding facilities. He stated that all aspects of the borough must look at future options and needs. We need to look at all options in order to make a wise and well informed

decision of the direction we need to go in as a Borough. Mayor Bradley requested that this topic be on the agenda for future meetings.

Mayor Bradley expressed concern about the crosswalk on the east side of town at Sassafra Terrace. He stated that you can't see the crosswalk and there is no sign indicating such. Councilor Hall stated that installing a crosswalk sign will require a change to the Ordinance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The committee went into Executive Session at 19:50.

CIVIL SERVICE RULES AMENDMENT

At 2037 Hrs. the Public Safety Committee returned to open session from executive session and Councilor Smeltz made a motion to amend the Mount Joy Civil Service rule 5.2 consistent with The civil Service Guide for Pennsylvania Municipalities, May 2017 edition. The motion was seconded by Councilor Deering and the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2040 Hrs. Councilor Deering made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilor Smeltz. Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by Susan Birchall