

# **Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes**

**June 25, 2018**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Councilor Hall at 1830 Hrs.

## **ROLL CALL**

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

## **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The agenda was adopted with the amendment of Item 9D NIMS by Councilor Hall, seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Motion carried unanimously.

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

Ned Sterling, 13 West Main Street, asked if the committee reviewed his email regarding street trees. Mr. Sterling would like the area be expanded to all of East and West Main Street rather than just the revitalized district. Mayor Bradley stated that unless this is a public safety issue, this committee cannot act on his request. Councilor Hall stated that as a committee, no action will be taken.

Josh Deering, 33 Frank Street asked if the committee was considering speed bumps or any other methods to slow traffic. Councilor Hall stated that the first reaction is for the police to do a traffic study and which generally finds that speeding is not a major issue. The committee has not considered speed bumps. Mayor Bradley stated that a portion of each officer's shift is dedicated to speed details.

Mr. Deering inquired about the change in the fireworks law. Mayor Bradley stated that he consulted with Representative Hickernell and Senator Aument. The current Borough ordinance covers only noise and there is not a specific ordinance addressing fireworks. Therefore, the existing state laws which prohibit fireworks within 150 feet of an occupied structure is applicable. The police department has also recently received decibel meters for all cars to measure sound levels. The Mayor plans to create an ordinance which will specifically cover fireworks.

Rick Ham, 255 Terrace Avenue stated that speeding on Terrace and Bruce Avenues is due to the construction on Plum Street. Road Closure signs were set up on Terrace Avenue which solved the problem.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes for the Public Safety Committee meeting held on May 21, 2018 was made by Councilor Fahndrich. Motion seconded by Councilor Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

## **FDMJ REPORT**

Chief Gohn asked if the fire department can purchase fuel as part of the Borough's Co-Stars program due to the demise of Worley/Obetz. Manheim Borough is doing this for their fire department. Councilor Hall stated that it shouldn't be a problem and an email should be sent with the approximate number of gallons used each year. Borough Manager Sulkosky will investigate on exactly how to handle the billing.

## **EMA REPORT**

Councilor Hall was contacted and a meeting will be set up with the EMA director.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### Main Street Parking

The Mayor reported that he has been in contact with Michael Baker International (MBI) and had a conference call with their representatives and Borough Manager Sulkosky to discuss how best to move forward with the Parking Utilization Study. A contract will need to be in place in order to proceed and an altered scope of work will be prepared. Pedestrian safety will also be considered and we will need to make sure the grant will include this as well as parking needs.

### Main & Marietta cross walk update

No update.

### Facilities Use Form

No update.

### Speeding on Bruce Ave (Citizen Complaint)

Radar Speed signs were set up on Bruce Avenue in response to a Citizen complaint. They will be coming down within the next week and the data will be analyzed to determine what the next step will be.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Rotary Club request for Music in the Park Food Vendor Vehicle Parking

A request was received to allow a food truck to park on the street. Councilor Hall stated that the best solution is to request a temporary street obstruction permit. A motion to allow the Rotary to set up the fry wagon on Delta Street and waive both the ordinance that prohibits parking in that area and that fees was made by

Councilor Hall and a second by Councilor Fahndrich. Discussion followed regarding specific dates that the wagon will be set up. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Fireworks – new Law in effect

Chief Williams discussed the new fireworks law that was recently passed. Chief Williams stated that fireworks cannot be set off within 150 feet of an occupied structure. This includes businesses, stores, residence, etc. It also includes any structures that are empty because it is after hours. Fireworks also cannot be set off within 150 feet of agricultural crops, fields, animals, etc. Currently the only ordinance that addresses fireworks is the noise ordinance. Mayor Bradley wants an enforceable ordinance in place to restrict particular types of fireworks. Councilor Hall requested that Borough Manager Sulkosky contact the solicitor for a boiler plate ordinance that addresses fireworks.

#### 2018 Car Show

The permit to close Main Street has been sent to PennDOT. The Chief was asked to complete the ISP by the EMA director.

#### NIMS

Mayor Bradley discussed NIMS (National Incident Management System) and reminded the committee that if we are not trained in NIMS, we may not be reimbursed in the event of a natural disaster. Mayor Bradley stressed how important it is that we have documentation readily available of who is trained and the command structure in the event the primary responsible person is not available. There is no cost for the training.

#### Movies in the Park

Borough Manager Sulkosky brought to the attention of the committee that the Movies in the Park will need to be added to the Borough Council's agenda to waive the noise ordinance. Manager Sulkosky will add this to the agenda. Councilor Hall stated this was probably missed because of the transition of Main Street Mount Joy and the new manager. A motion to add dates to the Borough Council agenda was made by Councilor Hall, seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Tax Collector System Opt-out

Borough Manager Sulkosky sent an email regarding Senate Bill 1099 which allows municipalities to opt-out of the Tax Collector System. Borough Manager Sulkosky urges all to express their support to their legislators to get the bill passed.

### **PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD**

Rick Ham, 255 Terrace Avenue, asked if the train station and pedestrian activity is part of Complete Streets. Complete Streets and the train station are separate grants.

When PennDOT came down to look at the train station last year, they offered a number of services they can help with. PennDOT offered a non-competitive bid for the parking utilization study. Those grant dollars allowed us to work with a third party for the study. We need to develop parking regulations which the utilization study will help with. If paid parking is in place, we need to look at how it will affect parking in other areas of the Borough.

Complete streets should give us guidance on where to install sidewalks, bicycle lanes, etc. in the future. Discussion followed regarding installing sidewalks in the borough and who is responsible for payment. Additional information for Complete Streets can be found on the Lancaster County Planning Commission website.

Joan Kinsey, 900 West Main Street discussed parking on South Plum Street and asked what can be done about the restrictions. Councilor Hall discussed the process to pass an ordinance and whenever possible, we try to group ordinance changes. Mayor Bradley stated that the Plum Street Parking can be included with the ordinance for Fireworks. Councilor Hall will contact Public Works Director Dennis Nissley to proceed with the test to determine if trucks can maneuver with cars parked on both sides of the street. The test will be completed before the next committee meeting.

Josh Deering, 33 Frank Street, asked if the committee is aware that the railroad crossing on Market Street at the mill is being repaired. The mill is concerned about safety for their workers in crossing the tracks. Mr. Deering will contact Public Works Director Dennis Nissley to contact the Chief or Councilor Hall to discuss. Mayor Bradley stated that this will be in the area of the Parking Utilization Study and will include lighted pedestrian signs.

Mr. Deering also asked how the fireworks will be controlled this year since there is no ordinance in place. He also asked if there is any plan to discuss with neighboring municipalities to step up patrols. Mayor Bradley stated that the fireworks fall under the noise ordinance. Control at this time will be call-generated; residents must contact the police with a complaint.

#### **ANY OTHER MATTER PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE**

Mayor Bradley discussed complaints from last year regarding Pit Stop hobbies and monitoring that was done. Chief Williams did monitor and all noise was within the noise ordinance restrictions. Additionally, because the decibel meter we had required calibration, new meters were purchased which was significantly less expensive than calibrating an old meter. Because of the cost savings, a meter was purchased for all cruisers.

Councilor Fahndrich informed the committee that she is scheduled for a ride-along with Sgt. Hosking on Friday, June 29.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS**

The committee went into Executive Session at 2049 Hrs.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 2107 Hrs. Councilor Hall made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by Susan Birchall