

# **Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes**

**August 27, 2018**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Councilor Hall at 1830 Hrs.

## **ROLL CALL**

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

## **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

A motion to approve the revised agenda which includes the additions of Item 9e Parking W Main & S Plum Sts, Item 10b Bonfire Request, and Item 10c Winterfest 2018 Street Closure was made by Councilor Fahndrich, seconded by Councilor Smeltz. Motion carried unanimously.

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

None

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes for the Public Safety Committee meeting held on July 23, 2018 was made by Councilor Hall. Motion seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Motion carried unanimously.

## **FDMJ REPORT**

An email was received with the report and is in the packet distributed to committee members.

## **EMA REPORT**

An email was received with the report and is in the packet distributed to committee members.

## **SVEMS REPORT**

Captain Blanchflower gave a report of the number of EMS calls within the Borough.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### Main Street Parking

Mayor Bradley stated that he did not receive any additional information from other council members regarding the scope of work for the Parking Utilization Study. Council will have to sign the contract. Borough Manager Sulkosky was requested to add the contract to the next Borough Council meeting.

### Main & Marietta cross walk update

No update.

### Facilities Use Form

No update.

### Fireworks Ordinance

Mayor Bradley requested this be added to the agenda so that it will be in place for next year. Chief Williams will check with other municipalities to gather information on what they passed.

### Parking W Main & S Plum Sts

Public Works Director Dennis Nissley sent an email to the committee regarding an observations regarding parking in the area. Reist Popcorn participated in the study and provided their assessment that the ordinance should be left as is due to difficulty maneuvering large trucks turning onto/from Main Street.

Angie Drumheller, 905 West Main Street stated that the trucks going to and from Reist Popcorn often have to back up onto Main Street because of on-coming traffic on Plumb Street. Councilor Hall stated that because the factory is a pre-existing business, we can't suddenly require major changes to the intersection and streets. Councilor Smeltz stated that at the present time, the parking issue cannot be addressed to the home owner's satisfaction. If the issue is a non-compliance of zoning, the issue will have to be taken to the Zoning Hearing Board. Mayor Bradley asked if the problem started when Market Avenue was changed to No Truck traffic along with when Reist Popcorn expanded. The Committee will continue to look into this issue. Ms. Drumheller requested that she be notified if this issue will be discussed in future meetings. Councilor Hall stated that will be done.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### New Haven St Weight Restriction

Councilor Hall stated that paving will begin on New Haven Street and is concerned that the road will not hold up well with truck traffic. Councilor Hall would like a weight restriction be placed on New Haven Street. Councilor Smeltz stated that he supports a weight restriction but further study needs to be done to insure restricting traffic on New Haven Street doesn't cause issues elsewhere in

the Borough. Also a determination must be made on the appropriate weight restriction to put in place. Mayor Bradley stated the decision should not be rushed on the basis that the road is being paved. Councilor Smeltz stated that the road should be built to accommodate the weight of the trucks that use the road on a regular basis. Councilor Fahndrich asked how the weight restriction will be enforced by the police department. Chief Williams stated that enforcement will be based on the class that the vehicle is registered with PennDOT. It was agreed to keep this on the agenda.

#### Bonfire Request

A request for a bonfire on October 21, 2018 was received by Florin Church of Brethern, 747 Bruce Avenue. Chief Williams reported that there is an ordinance against open burning. Zoning Officer Staci Gibbs found a memo from 1994 that allowed bonfires with specific restrictions. Because bonfires are restricted based on an ordinance, the request will have to be made at the full Borough Council meeting. Councilor Hall requested that the chief coordinate with the requestor to identify the restrictions and what will be permitted and to add to the agenda for the next meeting.

#### Winterfest 2018 Street Closure Request

Chief Williams received the request for street closure for Winterfest. A motion to approve the request and move to full council was made by Councilor Smeltz and seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Motion carried unanimously.

### **PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD**

None

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

Chief Williams informed the members that he will not be present at the next Borough Council meeting and Sergeant Drexel will attend in his absence. Sergeant Drexel will have the traffic counts available for both sides of Angle Street at that meeting.

Borough Manager Sulkosky stated the date has changed for the County Borough Association meeting. The new date is October 17, 2018 at 6PM at Bube's Brewery. He encouraged members to attend the meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS**

The committee went into Executive Session at 1950 Hrs.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 2019 Hrs. Councilor Smeltz made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by Susan Birchall