

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

October 22, 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 agenda was made by Councilor Fahndrich, seconded by Councilor Smeltz. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

Josh Deering, 33 Frank Street stated that cars are parking too close to the curb at Frank and Market Streets. Councilor Hall directed Borough Manager Sam Sulkosky to contact Public Works to paint the curb.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes for the Public Safety Committee meeting held on September 24, 2018 was made by Councilor Smeltz. Motion seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Motion carried unanimously.

FDMJ REPORT

No report

EMA REPORT

Matt Kratz reported that a more detailed After Action report for the flood will be completed. The training scheduled for Saturday November 10 has been moved to York County. Mayor Bradley stated that the general hazard plan should also include specific plans for floods and snow emergencies.

SVEMS REPORT

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

Mayor Bradley asked what the policy is when an outside EMS is requested to respond in the Borough and the call is cancelled. Captain Blanchflower stated that if the Mount Joy unit is out on a call it depends on the nature of the call who County Radio will dispatch. If the Mount Joy truck is busy, the call is within eight miles, and it is a Class 2 or Class 3 call, Columbia or West Hempfield will be dispatched. However, if the Mount Joy truck becomes available before the Columbia or West Hempfield truck arrives on scene, the Mount Joy truck will then respond and the Columbia or West Hempfield truck will cancel. If it is a Class 1 call, whatever truck is closest will respond.

Councilor Fandrich stated that House Bill 1013 will soon be passed. This bill will allow EMS agencies to bill for treatment even though the patient has not been transported.

OLD BUSINESS

Main Street Parking

Mayor Bradley stated that a meeting was held with Michael Bader and a day was chosen for data collection. Mayor Bradley expects a report in the near future.

Main & Marietta cross walk update

Councilor Smeltz stated that plan options have been circulated and he is waiting on the next Borough Council meeting.

Facilities Use Form

Mayor Bradley asked if an easy to use form can be created for now. Because the Parks Department already has a form, it was decided to keep the existing form. When the application is received, the person reviewing the application will determine if additional services will be needed, and if so, the appropriate services will be contacted. Additionally, the applicant will be contacted and will be billed for the additional services required.

Fireworks Ordinance

Chief Williams stated that a meeting is scheduled next week to discuss requirements of the Fireworks Ordinance.

Parking W Main & S Plum Sts

No activity

New Haven St Weight Restriction

No activity

NEW BUSINESS

2019 Budget Request

Chief Williams presented the proposed 2019 budget to the committee with explanations of additions/deletions to the budget. The purchase of new radios for next year because they do not have to be replaced as he reported at last month's meeting. Chief Williams stated that we are currently at 69% of budget monies spent thus far and the year is 75% over.

Councilor Smeltz asked how long it takes to bring a new car into service. Chief Williams stated that the latest car purchased was ordered on February 9, 2018 and it was to take 10-12 weeks. Possession was not taken until July 17 because the plant that manufactures the engine was on strike. After the car was delivered it was taken to Global Public Safety to equip the vehicle which was to take 2 weeks. The vehicle was just received last week (end of October). However, several items are missing from the vehicle and it still can't be placed into service. Normally, this entire process should take approximately 6-8 weeks. Mayor Bradley stated that this is characteristic of the service received mainly because of the lack of competition among vendors. Mayor Bradley stated the same problem occurred with the new uniforms, car computers, rifles, and key security system. The issue with the car not being equipped properly was discussed and Chief Williams stated that he informed Global that he will not be using their services again and they will not receive payment until they correct everything to his satisfaction.

Councilor Smeltz requested information regarding year to year growth going back at least five years for Capital and General Funds showing the growth each year.

Miracle Center Church Sign Request

Cheryl Murray, Administrative Secretary at Miracle Center Church send an email to Chief Williams requesting a 'Slow/Watch Children' sign be installed on Peach Alley from Main Street to Clay Street. Chief Williams stated that some signs, such as a stop sign must meet requirements set forth by PennDOT. However, other signs are up to the discretion of the municipality. Councilor Hall stated that he isn't exactly sure where they want the sign posted. Chief Williams will follow up with the requestor for next month's meeting.

S Jacob Street Parking

Chief Williams received a request from Mr. Scott Cagno, the owner of a business at 30 South Jacob Street to change the street to no parking from Monday through Fridays at 6AM – 6PM. The request was made because of a problem with trucks parking on Jacob Street while waiting to get into the dock at Donsco. Because the trucks are parked on Jacob Street, it is difficult for other trucks to drive through to get to Mr. Cagno's business. Additionally, employees from Donsco are parking on the street. Chief Williams will talk to Donsco to ask them to remind their employees to use the designated parking lots provided by Donsco.

PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

Josh Deering, 33 Frank Street stated that on Fairview Street off Main Street there is a sharp blind curve. He is requesting a sign for 'Blind Curve' to warn motorists.

ANY OTHER MATTER PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Borough Manager Sulkosky reminded the committee that PEMA is releasing money for those affected by the flooding event. Residents can apply at the Public Safety Building, 101 Champ Boulevard; additional information is available on the website.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS

The committee went into Executive Session at 1957 Hrs.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2115 Hrs. Councilor Smeltz made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by Susan Birchall