

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

July 22, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Councilor Fahndrich at 18:30 Hrs.

ROLL CALL

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Councilor Hall, seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes for the Public Safety Committee meeting held on June 24, 2019 was made by Councilor Eichler. Motion seconded by Councilor Hall. Motion to approve minutes carried unanimously.

FDMJ REPORT

FDMJ Chief Gohn was not in attendance. No report received for this meeting, however, Councilor Hall stated there will be a public information session on Saturday, August 24, 2019.

EMA REPORT

Matt Kratz will be emailing a digital copy of the draft flood plan. He would like the final version approved at the August Public Safety meeting so it can go to Council in September. The current deputies stepped down and moved to Masonic Homes. One of EMA's members was in touch with Susquehanna River Basin Commission regarding the

cameras along Chiques Creek. All of the EOPs were passed out in the area. He attended a County training and Crisis Cleanup gave a presentation on their services, which is a resource to use to set up a hotline monitored by volunteers who enter information into a database for those who need assistance. There was also a meeting on the Make-A-Wish Convoy which will take a lot of joint planning as they are expecting 10K to 12K attendees.

SVEMS REPORT

Lieutenant Wooden was in attendance for Captain Blanchflower. There were a total of fifty three calls in the Borough; sixteen were not transported; forty eight were covered by SVEMS during the period of 5/29/19 to 6/25/19. The dayshift truck was in service daily from approximately 0620 to 1840, while the nightshift truck was in service daily from approximately 1820 to 0640, providing a twenty minute overlap. Councilor Fahndrich spoke with Mike Fitzgibbons relative to standing orders. Mike Fitzgibbons said there are no standing orders and it was an isolated incident and doesn't typically happen. Mayor Bradley feels there should standing orders so this type of incident does not happen again. Councilor Fahndrich has scheduled a follow-up. She is also going to do a ride along.

OLD BUSINESS

Main Street Parking

Mayor Bradley, Councilor Hall, Councilor Deering, Public Works Director, Borough Manager and the Police Chief met with PennDOT officials, specifically, Deputy Secretary of Multimodal to express concerns about the proposed parking plans as related to the train station. More clarification at a meeting will be forthcoming.

Main & Marietta Cross Walk Update

Nothing new to report.

Facilities Use Form

Councilor Hall has nothing new to report.

EMS Response Time

Nothing additional to report; already covered earlier under SVEMS Report.

NEW BUSINESS

Make-A-Wish Convoy

The folks who organize this event reached out to both Mayor Bradley and Dave Schell to see if we were interested in participating. It starts in Manheim and the destination is Mount Joy. Manheim Auto Auction offered to be the staging point

for the convoy, as Burle Industries was sold and the new owner declined doing it. The convoy will enter Rt. 230 in Mount Joy Township in the area of Norlanco and coming through Mount Joy Borough, specifically from the far west of Main Street to the far east of Main Street. The planning will continue but there needs to be a conversation at the Council level to see if we want to participate. Mayor Bradley suggests that this be treated in the same manner as the Memorial Day parade for the purposes of safety, traffic control, people gathering in the area. Chief Williams reached out to Chief Harvey, Ephrata PD, who gave him a couple items that we should cover with the organizers of this event, specifically traffic control as we may not have enough fire police to cover the entire route through the Borough. We can ask the organizers to provide traffic control in the form of a private company such as Flagger Force to supplement our efforts, however, we need to ask for it upfront. Chief Williams will be meeting with Chief Harvey next week who will provide the Chief with a copy of their operations plan from their past events. Also, Chief Harvey is willing to come and speak at a Council meeting about the event as he has ten years' experience with this event. Councilor Eichler made a motion to move to full Council on August 5, 2019 to recommend participation in the May 10, 2020 Mother's Day Make A Wish Convoy as presented by Dave Schell. Motion seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Motion passed unanimously.

Flood Monitoring Cameras

Rick Burkey from EMA reached out to Mayor Bradley concerning camera(s) location. He wanted to know if the Borough had a preference as to the location for the mounting of the camera(s) to watch the flood water level as it pertains to Little Chiques Creek. There will be no cost incurred by the Borough. Councilor Eichler made a motion to send to full Council that we are interested in having the flood camera(s) but have no preference as to the location of the camera(s). Motion seconded by Councilor Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

K-9 Proposal Presentation (Officer D. Gordon)

Sergeant Hosking and Officer Gordon approached the Chief and then Mayor Bradley about possibly adding a K9 unit to the department. It was explained that Council would make the decision but it had to come before the Public Safety Committee first. Officer Gordon showed a video presentation from Live PD on the benefits of K9 unit to include safety and public relations. The committee would like to have a continuing dialogue; in favor of it, need a cost analysis on an excel spreadsheet, similar to a budget, with the annual financial impact to include all costs, such as, annual reoccurring costs, one-time costs, column of donated costs, etc.

PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

None.

ANY OTHER MATTER PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Mayor Bradley brought up the need to choose new labor counsel.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS

The committee went into Executive Session to discuss personnel and legal matters at 20:21 Hrs.

ADJOURNMENT

At 21:28 Hrs. Councilor Hall made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by Diana Ellis