

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Councilor Fahndrich at 18:32 Hrs.

ROLL CALL

Present were: Councilor Fahndrich, Councilor Eichler, Councilor Crider, Mayor Bradley, Chief Goshen and Borough Manager Pugliese.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion to adopt the Public Safety Committee Meeting Agenda for February 26, 2024 as presented was made by Councilor Eichler; seconded by Councilor Crider. Motion to adopt the Agenda as presented carries unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the Minutes from the January 22, 2024 Public Safety Committee Meeting as presented was made by Councilor Eichler; seconded by Councilor Crider. Motion carries unanimously. Minutes from the January 22, 2024 meeting have been approved.

FDMJ REPORT

FDMJ Deputy Chief Steve Johns was in attendance and presented FDMJ report for January on behalf of Brett Hamm who was out of town. Included in the packet was the annual report for 2023. The written monthly report for January was not included. There was a total of fifty-four calls for the month of January 2024. Calls were every 13 hours and 46 minutes. The time in service for the month was unavailable at this time. The average response time in January was unavailable at this time. They averaged ten members per call for the month. Total man hours was unavailable at this time. Training has not been tallied, but all members did complete the annual SCBA recertification. There were thirty-six first due alarms: twenty-one in the Borough, nine in Rapho Township, one in Mount Joy Township and five in East Donegal Township. Community service details included: decorating the tree; one funeral detail and visitation for Samuel Zink and five duty crew events. No pre incident value or fire loss for January was provided.

EMA REPORT

Phil Colvin was not present, however, FDMJ Deputy Chief, Steve Johns, reported that Phil was out of town and had nothing new to report but was continuing to gather information on the Hazardous Mitigation Plan.

PSH LIFE LION REPORT

Nate Buchanan was not present and there was no report for January provided. Manager Pugliese spoke to one of the Mount Joy Township Supervisors last week and was informed that someone from MESA would be reaching out to him about a donation from the Borough since they cover calls for Penn State Health Life Lion when they are not available. After speaking with Nate, it appears that we are pretty even in covering for each other. They also cover for Manheim Borough and Rapho Township; not just Mount Joy Borough.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Electric Scooters/Bicycles on Sidewalks

Chief Goshen included in the packet a draft of a proposed ordinance. After discussing the draft, the Committee came to a consensus that the age should not be more restrictive than PennDOT and should be edited to reflect sixteen (16) years of age instead of eighteen (18) years of age and forwarded to Solicitor Josele Cleary for her opinion/comments.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Banner Request – KMS Auction - 04/29/2024 to 05/11/2024
- b. Banner Request – Donegal Graduation - 05/24/2024 to 6/07/2024
- c. Banner Request – Library Book Sale - 06/07/2024 to 06/22/2024

Chief Goshen provided all the required paperwork is in the packet for the above events. Councilor Eichler made a motion to move the three banner requests, Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy Borough on behalf of Donegal High School Graduation and the Friends of Milanof-Schock Library Book Sale to full council for final approval; seconded by Councilor Crider. Motion carries unanimously.

d. Memorial Day Parade – 05/25/2024

Chief Goshen explained that this is the same request as last year with a different date. Councilor Eichler made a motion to move to full council for Chief Goshen to make application to PennDOT to close the route - Main Street from Angle Street to Barbara Street - for the time not to exceed 8am to 5pm on May 25, 2024 for the Memorial Day Parade; seconded by Councilor Crider. Motion carries unanimously.

- e. Motion to Authorize Sale of one Glock Model 22 to the Officer Store or allow MJBPD officers to purchase the weapon for the same price the PD would get for the trade in value.

Officer Clark is no longer part of the SERT team and his weapon is now available for sale/purchase. Councilor Eichler made a motion to authorize the sale of one Glock Model 22 to the Officer Store or allow MJBPD officers to purchase the weapon for the same price the PD would get for the trade in value to full council; seconded by Councilor Crider. Motion carries unanimously.

f. MAW Convoy and Indemnification Agreement – 05/12/2024

Included in the packet is the agreement to run the event. Chief Goshen will need to bring in more officers on overtime for safety reasons. Motion to send the MAW Convoy and Indemnification Agreement to full council for consideration; seconded by Councilor Crider. Motion carries unanimously.

g. Traffic Ordinance Update (Manager Pugliese)

Manager Pugliese explained that this is the ordinance from the last two traffic studies for Wood Street and Chocolate Avenue. Councilor Eichler made a motion to forward to full council the proposed updated traffic ordinance for Wood Street; seconded by Councilor Crider. Motion carries unanimously.

h. Motion to approve the process of replacing Unit #1 (2019 Dodge Charger)

Chief Goshen explained that due to a vehicle accident, the 2019 Dodge Charger needs to be replaced. Pennsylvania State Police investigated the accident and found the other driver at fault. Fortunately, there were no injuries. The insurance company for the other driver of the vehicle has been in touch with Chief Goshen and understands that both the vehicle and the equipment for the new vehicle needs to be covered by their insurance company. The adjuster was familiar with the process. When Chief Goshen placed the original order for the Dodge Durango, the company accidentally ordered two. They will know tomorrow if the second one is still available for MJBPD to purchase. Councilor Eichler made a motion to move to full council to approve the process of replacing Unit #1, 2019 Dodge Charger; seconded by Councilor Crider. Motion carries unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

ANY OTHER MATTER PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Chief Goshen circulated the revisions from the Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations with edits from the Solicitor. It mirrors Borough code so there is no conflict. Civil Service Commission reviewed and accepted the edits. Councilor Eichler made a motion to move to full council the revisions/recommendations from the Solicitor for the Civil Service Commission exam rules; seconded by Councilor Crider. Motion carries unanimously.

Chief Goshen reviewed the annual report from CrimeWatch, our media platform, which was included in the packet. Last year we had over 28K visits to our website and over 182K actions

which means it was either shared or referred. We currently have 582 subscribers. The comparisons provided show what we are doing in the county and by municipality. We are in the top quarter for content. Our goal for this year is to try to get more people to register their cameras.

Councilor Eichler commented on the new pedestrian crosswalk lights. Mayor Bradley would like to see a feature on that project in the next newsletter on how it was funded, how they can be used, etc. Manager Pugliese explained that as part of the grant, the crosswalks will be painted as weather permits. Chief Goshen said there will be enforcement activities coming.

Councilor Eichler questioned whether or not we had a leash law in the parks. Chief Goshen explained that there is one and the police are educating people who walk their dogs in the parks about the leash law.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL/LEGAL MATTERS

An Executive Session was not held.

ADJOURNMENT

At 20:06 Hrs. Councilor Eichler made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilor Crider. Motion carries unanimously.

Submitted by Diana Ellis