

# **Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes**

**March 25, 2024**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

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

## **ROLL CALL**

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

## **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Mayor Bradley requested that Item A, UCR Discrepancies, under Old Business, be moved as Item A, under New Business and the remaining items under New Business moved down. A motion to adopt the Public Safety Committee Meeting Agenda for March 25, 2024 as amended was made by Councilor Crider; seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Motion to adopt the Agenda as amended carried unanimously.

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

None.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion to approve the Minutes from the February 26, 2024 Public Safety Committee Meeting as presented was made by Councilor Eichler; seconded by Councilor Crider. Motion carried unanimously. Minutes from the February 26, 2024 meeting have been approved.

## **FDMJ REPORT**

FDMJ Chief Brett Hamm was not in attendance but the report for February was included in the packet. There was a total of forty-two calls for the month of February 2024; ninety-six calls so far in 2024. Calls were every 14 hours and 45 minutes. They averaged seven-and one-half members per call for the month. The time in service for the month was unavailable. The average response time in February was unavailable. Total man hours were unavailable. Total training hours were unavailable, but members completed their annual SCBA recertification, Mask Fit Testing, HazMat Ops refresher and Blood Bourne Pathogens training. There were thirty-one first due alarms with eleven mutual aids; fifteen in the Borough, nine in Rapho Township, three in Mount Joy Township and four in East Donegal Township. There was one notable fire in in Mount Joy Borough which resulted in a \$5,000.00 loss for the incident. FDMJ did not have any fire prevention details, but completed five duty crews. E751 committee (eight members) attended the Pre-Construction Conference in Wisconsin. Councilors Fahndrich and

Eichler attended the FDMJ banquet and said it was a great event. Very proud of the department; the front lines and the entire staff.

### **EMA REPORT**

Phil Colvin was not in attendance and no report was received. However, Chief Goshen has been in touch with Phil regarding the Make-a-Wish ride and has begun discussions with him on the Cruisin' Cuisine event.

### **PSH LIFE LION REPORT**

No report was received. Mayor Bradley would like Manager Pugliese to reach out to Nate Buchanan with a deadline of Monday to submit the monthly report. If no response, he would like Manager Pugliese to reach out to his Supervisor.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. UCR Discrepancies – Moved to New Business

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. UCR Discrepancies

At the last Council meeting, during Public Comment, our UCR (Uniform Crime Report) numbers were questioned. Chief Goshen researched the numbers and it appears that our numbers are not being reported accurately. Chief Goshen explained that when a call comes in, County Control assigns a code to the call and if the police officer doesn't report back to County Control with the correct code, County Control closes it out as is. After the fact, the police officer can update the UCR code, but not the County Control code. Additionally, our summary citations (non-traffic) are not being reflected due to our RMS (Records Management System) not transferring those citations to the UCR report. Chief Goshen manually corrected the 2024 numbers to date and our clearance percentage went from 46.67% to nearly 70%. The problems we are experiencing are not just happening to Mount Joy Borough; there are several municipalities that are using CSI (Computer Square Inc.), and have comparable clearance rates. The other municipalities not using CSI and who are using Cody Cobra, have much higher clearance rates, as it is a much more robust Records Management System. This shows that we have a systems problem. We switched over to this system in June 2019. Mayor Bradley is confident this is an RMS underreporting system problem and not the fault of the police department. Councilor Eichler applauded Mayor Bradley, Chief Goshen and the department for coming up with an answer to the concern. Mayor Bradley would like this added to the next Council meeting agenda so the Chief can update the Council. Councilor Crider made a motion to move the UCR Discrepancies to full Council; seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Motion to Approve the Purchase of a 2023 Durango PPV

Chief Goshen provided the Vehicle Buyers Order in the packet to replace the Dodge Charger that was totaled in the accident. The new vehicle is coming from New Jersey and will be the exact build as our current Durango. The vehicle price is less the monies

received from the other driver's insurance company. Once Council approves, Chief Goshen will begin purchasing the equipment. Councilor Crider made a motion to approve the purchase of 2023 Durango PPV to full Council; seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Dock Dogs Event – 07/05/2024-07/07/2024 (Noise Exemption Requested)

Nothing is in the packet; Josh Deering is requesting the same as last year. Parking was fine and no complaints about noise or anything overall from the event. Twisted Bine is handling the alcohol portion of the event. There will be a separate entrance with a demarcated area, and it will be a wristband approach for that part of the event; attendees will go through the proper legalities. Chief Goshen explained that the LCB is very adamant about following the rules. Councilor Fahndrich made a motion to move to full Council the noise ordinance exemption request for Keystone Dock Dogs Tales & Ales Event for Saturday, July 6, 2024 from 10am to 7pm and Sunday, July 7, 2024 from 12n to 7pm; seconded by Councilor Crider. Motion carried unanimously.

d. First Responder Ride – 06/01/2024 (Traffic Assistance Requested)

Londonderry Fire Police advisement/notice is provided in the packet. This is the fourth annual first responders motorcycle ride organized by the Londonderry Fire Police. Included in the packet is the route they will travel. The only assistance needed is with traffic control at the intersection of Manheim and Main Streets and should only take five to six minutes; minimal impact to the police department. This needs to be added to Council's agenda as a no action item.

e. Cruisin' Cuisine Street Closure – 07/27/2024

Chief Goshen needs Council to approve the road closure. He has a generic permit but the major difference is that historically the event went from New Haven Street eastbound to Barbara Street, however, due to the overwhelming response last year, the committee needs to extend the road closure. The road closure this year is from New Haven Street to Jacob Street. They will still need Market Street from Appletree Alley to Henry Street. If the extra area is not needed, they will scale back the closure. Mayor Bradley would like Chief Goshen to discuss with the committee about restroom facilities. Manager Pugliese stated that the Borough has budgeted some money to assist with the car show. Councilor Fahndrich made a motion to move to full Council the Cruisin' Cuisine Street closure on July 27, 2024, Main Street from New Haven Street to Jacob Street and Market Street from Appletree Alley to Henry Street and Barbara Street from Sassafra to Appletree Alley; seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion carried unanimously.

f. Computer Square, Inc. RMS Deficiencies

Chief Goshen explained that we are in year five of our current RMS. Aside from the UCR problems, there has been other assertions about traffic enforcement. Based on the data limitations and how it really affects the Detective's investigations, he would like to start a search now of other RMS and look for a grant to purchase a new system in 2025. Most of the County is with Cody Cobra. Councilor Fahndrich made a motion from the Public Safety Committee to give Chief Goshen the authority to research other options to replace Computer Square, Inc. RMS system and look at grant opportunities; seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

None.

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

Manager Pugliese discussed a letter received from FDMJ introducing the creation of a fire foundation. The letter requests one member of Council of each municipality, or employee or resident, to serve on the board. They would like this person to have a financial background if possible as they will be dealing with investments. It is a three-year term. Councilor Fahndrich made a motion to move to full Council the letter for review and recommendation; seconded by Councilor Crider. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Fahndrich inquired about National Night Out. Chief Goshen said we are participating in the event on August 6, 2024.

Councilor Fahndrich questioned how close you can park to a stop sign; Chief Goshen explained fifteen feet. There is a bus stop at a given location in a development and cars line right up to the stop sign which she feels is a safety concern. Chief Goshen will send an officer to the location in question but suggested that she reach out to the Director of Transportation at Donegal as they have the ability to move the bus stop.

Councilor Fahndrich was concerned about the low hanging trees at the underpass across from Hostetter's that need to be addressed, and whether it would be a Township or Amtrak issue.

Councilor Eichler appreciated the article in the newsletter regarding the new pedestrian crossing signs. He also mentioned the upcoming funeral at Sheetz for Bill Roberts who was a former Chief of Police of Marietta Borough until regionalization and then did work for Susquehanna Regional and Mount Joy Borough until he retired.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL/LEGAL MATTERS**

An Executive Session was not held.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 20:02 Hrs. Councilor Crider made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by Diana Ellis