

# **Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes**

**April 22, 2024**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by Councilor Fahndrich at 18:31 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 April 22, 2024 as presented was made by Councilor Eichler; seconded by Councilor Crider. Motion to adopt the Agenda as presented carried unanimously.

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

Dave Weiser, 616 Water Street, missed last Council meeting and wanted an update on the UCR discrepancies. Chief Goshen explained the issue was with our RMS (Records Management System), CSI (Computer Square, Inc.), and it is not just with our department, but everyone who is using CSI. Our reporting noticeably declined since using this system. We found underreporting, arrests not reflected correctly, etc. At the wish of Council, we are updating 2024 numbers only, as it takes several hours to make the adjustment. We are looking into a new Records Management System for 2025. Mr. Weiser noticed that the police have cited a lot of people for inspection but inquired about why the police haven't been citing for large tires and other illegal equipment on trucks. He inquired about what hand-held timing device is being used for speed enforcement. Chief Goshen explained that we have a new system called TDX.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion to approve the Minutes from the March 25, 2024 Public Safety Committee Meeting as presented was made by Councilor Eichler; seconded by Councilor Crider. Motion carried unanimously. Minutes from the March 25, 2024 meeting have been approved.

## **FDMJ REPORT**

FDMJ Chief Brett Hamm presented his report for March which was included in the packet. They responded to thirty-four calls for the month of March 2024; one hundred thirty calls so far in 2024. Time in service was seventeen hours and thirty-three minutes. Calls were every sixteen hours and thirty-six minutes. They averaged ten members per call for the month. The time in service for the month was seventeen hours and thirty-three minutes. The average response time in March was unavailable. Total man hours were unavailable. Total training hours were

unavailable. The unavailable statistics is due to a new firehouse software program that he is still trying to work through. There were twenty-two first due alarms with twelve mutual aids; eleven in the Borough, seven in Rapho Township, one in Mount Joy Township and three in East Donegal Township. There were two notable fires in Rapho Township which resulted in a \$152,000.00 loss (mobile home fire and vehicle fire) for the two incidents. FDMJ did not have any fire prevention details, but the season is coming and they have a request from the library. The community service details for the month included one funeral detail with Manheim Fire Department, seven duty crews, banquet standby for station 63 and a demo on a hydraulic rescue tool. They are looking to move to battery powered rescue tools. Councilor Eichler mentioned that he was appointed to the Fire Foundation; no updates/meetings to date.

### **EMA REPORT**

Phil Colvin was in attendance and reviewed his report. Little Chiques Creek stream gauge is out of service and he is working with Lancaster County EMA to get it functioning again. He met with Manager Pugliese on the Hazardous Mitigation Plan; still needs to meet with Public Works and Water/Sewer Authority. The Make-A-Wish parade is coming up and was unable to attend two of the meetings but is working with Chief Goshen on any tasks that need to be done on behalf of EMA for the event.

### **PSH LIFE LION REPORT**

Scott Buchle, Director, Penn State Health Life Lion, was in attendance and presented the report that was included in the packet. He apologized for Nate Buchanan's absence the past couple of months; busy with young children. There were sixty-seven calls in the Borough, Class 1 - twenty-nine calls, Class 2 – eleven calls and Class 3 – twenty-seven calls; fourteen were covered in the Borough by neighboring EMS (MESA). The average response time is eight minutes. PSH Life Lion averages approximately one thousand (911) calls per month in Lancaster County across the five stations, with about seventy-five percent of those calls resulting in patient transports and the other twenty-five percent are no patient transports (patient refusal, car crash, no patients found, life alert, etc.). Eighty-three percent of the calls that they handle are in our home municipalities; seventeen percent are mutual aid; not in the overlap areas (small portion of Rapho Township is covered by MESA, we cover a small portion of Mount Joy Township), so that affects the stats. Nine percent of our total call volume in a month is mutual aid. PSH Life Lion is providing more mutual aid than we are receiving. PSH Life Lion's biggest challenge in covering the Borough is the geography. The proximity to the center part of the county where the majority of the calls are, i.e. Lancaster City and some of the more populous areas, whereas MESA's backup is us. Of the total 911 calls, they are averaging about one hundred twenty-five non-emergency transports. They are experiencing some staff turnover, but Mount Joy Borough's unit remains staffed 24/7.

Penn State Health Lancaster is having a fishing derby in celebration of EMS week on May 19, 2024, previously scheduled for May 18, 2024.

Manager Pugliese stated he has a meeting on Thursday with Mount Joy Township regarding a donation to MESA. Based on research (provided) for the past five months, it appears that the coverage goes both ways.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Banner Request – FDMJ Recruitment Drive – 10/25/2024 – 11/04/2024  
FDMJ submitted a banner request for their recruitment event on November 2, 2024. They are requesting the banner to be displayed from October 25, 2024 through November 4, 2024. Per Chief Goshen, everything is in order except he needs the COL. Councilor Eichler made a motion to move to full Council the FDMJ Recruitment Drive Banner request from October 25, 2024 through November 4, 2024; seconded by Councilor Crider. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. PennDOT Grant Results  
Chief Goshen reviewed the grant results for two details; DUI Enforcement Wave and Aggressive Driving Enforcement Wave II which were included in the packet. Both details, with the exception of court time, were fully funded by grant monies. There will be more enforcement details throughout the year.

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

Dave Weiser, 616 Water Street, questioned the DUI numbers and the officers doing the enforcements. Chief Goshen explained that again, part of the discrepancy in numbers is our RMS. We had more DUI arrests than what the UCR reflects. To access this grant money, there is a series of trainings that have to take place and our officers must have the appropriate certifications. Since COVID, bars in this area have changed their business plans, i.e., many were previously open until 1am/2am and now most are closed by 10pm, and a few to midnight. Mayor Bradley also brought up that UBER has changed DUI dramatically and some of the younger demographics is turning to alcohol less and other usage more.

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

Councilor Eichler questioned the speed limit into the Borough on Manheim Street West 772 and after crossing the bridge, it is 30 mph but all other roads into the Borough are 25 mph. He wondered how it could be changed so they are all the same. Chief Goshen explained that it is a state road and they control the speed limit.

Councilor Eichler stated that he is proctoring the written exam on May 11 and the oral exam on June 8 for the police department. He will not be present at the May or June Public Safety Committee meetings, but will be present at both Council meetings.

Mayor Bradley inquired about Donsco and the car show. Chief Goshen relayed that Donsco is closed Saturday and they only have two maintenance guys working so there are no concerns about deliveries or truck traffic.

Councilor Fahndrich inquired about EMS week as we did something locally last year. She will revisit it, and police week, at the next Council meeting on May 6, 2024.

Manager Pugliese reached out to Amtrak about the bus stops with the upcoming events but has not heard back from them.

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

An Executive Session was not held.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 19:34 Hrs. Councilor Eichler made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilor Crider. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by Diana Ellis