

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Councilor Eichler at 18:31 Hrs.

ROLL CALL

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion to adopt the Public Safety Committee Meeting Agenda for January 22, 2024 as presented was made by Councilor Fahndrich; seconded by Councilor Crider. Motion to adopt the Agenda as presented carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

Dave Weiser, 616 Water Street, discussed the need for the police department to enforce the sidewalk ordinance. He referenced at least five properties in the Borough that have not shoveled within the required timeframe from the last snowfall. Chief Goshen is not opposed to doing it but Council hasn't taken any action to move it over to his responsibility. Manager Pugliese stated that snow removal is under a separate section of the ordinance than where it should be and is looking at rewriting it and moving it under property maintenance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the Minutes from the December 18, 2023 Public Safety Committee Meeting as presented was made by Councilor Fahndrich; seconded by Councilor Crider. Motion carried unanimously. Minutes from the December 18, 2023 meeting have been approved.

FDMJ REPORT

FDMJ Chief Brett Hamm was in attendance and reviewed the monthly Incident Report Summary for December which was included in the packet. The annual report is done and will have it scanned by the next Council meeting. He noted that they had an increase of thirty-seven calls from the previous year. There was a total of forty-two calls for the month of December 2023; five hundred eighty-four total calls in 2023. Calls were every 14 hours and 58 minutes. The time in service for the month was 25 hours and 27 minutes. The average response time in December was 4:31 and the average arrival time was 8:30 with Fire Police calls. They averaged eleven members per call for the month; day shift averaged seven members per call. Total man hours were 282 hours and 16 minutes. Forty-three members were trained for a total of 203 hours and 30 minutes. There were thirty-five first due alarms with seven mutual aids; seventeen in the

Borough, fifteen in Rapho Township, two in Mount Joy Township and one in East Donegal Township. There were three notable first due calls to include five water rescue incidents, a building and a barn fire. FDMJ participated in one community service detail which was Winterfest. A special meeting was held on January 3, 2024 and they reviewed two bids for a new replacement engine; delivery time is three years. They received Conditional Use Plans for Chiques Crossing. The first Conditional Use hearing should be in April. FDMJ's concerns about moving apparatus with six major buildings in a small footprint and overall water supply which it appears that the closest hydrants are on 772, were submitted in writing to the engineers. Councilor Eichler appreciated the fire department's concerns and communications.

EMA REPORT

Phil Colvin provided a Situation Summary Report which is a new form he will be using to provide status updates for events/incidents in the Borough and wanted the committee to become familiar with it. The events committee held a meeting on January 17, 2024 to discuss events coming up in 2024. Make a Wish parade will be held again on Mother's Day. Weather events were monitored this month. Planned activities include working on the Hazardous Mitigation Plan data to get it submitted to County. Also, working on finalizing the Memorandum of Understanding between the surrounding municipalities and their emergency management coordinators and will submit it to Public Safety Committee and Council.

PSH LIFE LION REPORT

Nate Buchanan was not present but his report for December was included in the packet.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Electric Scooters/Bicycles on Sidewalks

Chief Goshen is still working on drafting something similar to the one the committee liked from the City of New Brunswick, NJ.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Mount Joy Borough Civil Service Commission Annual Report

Annual report was included in the packet. Any comments should be directed to the Chair, Jay Mueller, Jr. Councilor Fahndrich made a motion to move the Mount Joy Borough Civil Service Commission Annual Report to full Council; seconded by Councilor Crider. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Sale of 2017 Ram 1500

Initially, this Committee and Council approved the trade in of the 2018 Dodge Charger for the new Dodge Durango that is on order. In the meantime, the 2017 Ram 1500 truck developed a rattle and after the mechanic inspected it found that it needs to have the motor replaced at a cost of \$11,000. We would need to invest approximately \$15,000 (ball joints/tie rods) to get it back on the road. The truck was slated for a trade-in this

year. The vendor was contacted to see if he would be receptive to taking the truck in lieu of the Charger, which he was. The truck has been appraised at \$5,000 and would go to auction if approved. Ultimately, we will lose \$5,000 in the trade of the Ram versus the Charger. The Dodge Durango is shipping today with delivery in two to three weeks. Councilor Fahndrich made a motion to move the sale of the 2017 Ram 1500 to full Council for approval; seconded by Councilor Crider. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Motion to begin promotional process for vacant Sergeant's position

Chief Goshen explained that with the retire resignation of Kyle Hosking, we need to move forward with the promotional process for the vacant Sergeant's position. Once Council approves the motion, the following schedule will commence:

02/26 – Civil Service Commission Appointments (Agency; Written & Oral Exams)
02/26 – Newspaper Posting (Two weeks prior to application period)
03/11 – Post Notice Internally (Application period is 10 days)
03/25 – Order Tests through Stanard & Associates
04/02 – Receive Tests
04/08 – Distribution of Study Guide (Mandatory 30 days for studying)
05/11 – Written Exam Date 0900-1100 Hrs. (Need CSC Proctor)
05/13 – Return Tests for Scoring (Jay Mueller or President of CSC)
06/08 – Oral Exam Date 0900 Hrs.
06/24 – Civil Service Commission Certifies Top Three Candidates

Councilor Fahndrich made a motion to move to full Council to begin the promotional process for the vacant Sergeant's position; seconded by Councilor Crider. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

Dave Weiser, 616 Water Street, suggested that in drafting an EV ordinance, consider having the EV bikes registered as the wattage will be too hard for the police officers to google, etc. and then provide the EV bike owner a list of what can/cannot be done on the sidewalks relative to EV bikes.

ANY OTHER MATTER PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Councilor Fahndrich welcomed Councilor Crider to the Public Safety Committee. Councilor Eichler thanked him as well.

Councilor Eichler mentioned that some of the signs in the Borough that have the ship decal are fading. Manager Pugliese explained that there are two versions of street signs; decal and embossed. He acknowledged the fading, but explained the budget is tight in Public Works with all of the road projects.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL/LEGAL MATTERS

The committee went into Executive Session at 19:15 Hrs. and ended at 19:47 Hrs. Councilor Fahndrich made a motion to uphold the disciplinary action as discussed in Executive Session by Chief Goshen, deny the grievance and refer to the Labor Attorney for appropriate response; seconded by Councilor Crider. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

At 19:49 Hrs. Councilor Crider made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by Diana Ellis