

## **Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes**

**March 28, 2022**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **ROLL CALL**

Present were: Councilor Fahndrich, Councilor Castaldi, Councilor Eichler, Mayor Bradley and Chief Goshen. Borough Manager Mark Pugliese was also present.

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

A motion to adopt the Public Safety Committee Meeting Agenda for March 28, 2022 as presented was made by Councilor Castaldi, seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion carried unanimously. Agenda as presented has been adopted.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

Bruce Haigh, Delta Street, West Ward, questioned the status of the preliminary traffic study. Chief Goshen said it was in progress. He also questioned whether the Wellington Chase sign on School Lane and Marietta Avenue was within the site triangle and suggested a site triangle audit should be done.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion to approve the Minutes for the February 28, 2022 Public Safety Committee Meeting was made by Councilor Eichler, seconded by Councilor Castaldi. Motion carried unanimously. Minutes as presented has been approved.

NOTE: Councilor Fahndrich stated that an Executive Session was going to be held to discuss legal and/or personnel matters.

### **FDMJ REPORT**

FDMJ Chief Gohn was in attendance and reviewed his monthly report. There was a total of forty-six calls for the month of February and time in service was twenty-six hours and twenty-five minutes. The average response time in February was 3:59 and the average time on scene was 8:35. Thirty-six members were trained for a total of 220 hours and twenty minutes. Community service events in February consisted of, Night to Shine (Tim Tebow Foundation), one in station work detail and one duty crew. Ten people

showed up for the recruitment day and they plan to hold another one in November; try to do it twice a year. Mayor Bradley acknowledged that the Fire Department won the Chili Cookoff! Councilor Eichler inquired if the Fire Department was involved with the Gerberich-Payne project with evacuation/fire suppression, etc. Chief Gohn said they had input for the planning stage and was able to give recommendations. He also was able to retain the siren from the top of the building. Borough Manager Pugliese commended him on a nice job with the banquet.

### **EMA REPORT**

Matt Kratz was not in attendance; no report received. Borough Manager Pugliese did speak with Matt last week who stated he would be here for tonight's meeting. Councilor Fahndrich also reached out with no response, as did Chief Goshen. Councilor Eichler does appreciate all of the effort from all committee members and finds it disheartening for this committee member. It was noted that we do not have a deputy or back-up EMA Coordinator. Councilor Fahndrich suggested that Borough Manager Pugliese and she get together to discuss EMA in general.

### **PSH LIFE LION REPORT**

Adam Marden was in attendance and his report was included in the packet. There was a total of fifty-two calls in February; thirty-one Class 1, five Class 2 and sixteen Class 3 calls. The busiest days of the week were Monday and Friday, twelve calls a piece. Their response time was 8:53 for Class 1 calls. The recruit academy ends next week; still have nine people in that academy class. They ran mock calls today at the training center to include dispatch, response, different scenarios, called in to reports – very beneficial; three news stations and LNP were in attendance. The next academy starts May 23, 2022; they have five people approved for that and have accepted the positions. Penn State Lancaster Medical Center is anticipating opening in October with Dr. Michael Reihart as the Director of Emergency Services (coming from Penn Medicine/LGH). The Pediatric Center should open in April or May. Councilor Eichler asked for the name of the point person at the new hospital. Adam did not have it but will provide the name at the next meeting

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **EMS Service Contracts**

Borough Manager Pugliese did receive a contract from PSH Life Lion and distributed to the committee. He has two areas of concern – Item 4.3 (discusses event coverage) and Item 6 – (deed restriction language). Borough Manager Pugliese would like the committee to review the contract and email him with any other discrepancies. He will get with the Solicitor for suggestions. Mayor Bradley was disappointed about the event coverage for the community.

## Parking

The Solicitor had some questions regarding the procedure and how it applies to the ordinance. She said the procedure/policy should mirror the ordinance or change ordinance to incorporate some of this, as there is nothing in the current ordinance about police enforcement.

## Feral Cats

Councilor Castaldi reached out to some area vets and he received a nice response from Donegal Animal Hospital. Dr. Dill has agreed to meet with him on Friday regarding the issue. Councilor Eichler discussed the logistics of trapping/scheduling, etc. Chief Goshen believes it is a twofold approach – change the dog ordinance to an animal ordinance and decide if the Borough is going to provide a service or not. We need to put a mechanism in place so the residents can easily take care of the issue themselves. We cannot strap one of our departments with the cat issue. Mayor Bradley would like the exact language from Manheim Township's ordinance so the committee can review it and see how it can work for Mount Joy Borough. He feels we need a forceful ordinance with a permitting process.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

Bruce Haigh, Delta Street, West Ward would like Councilor Castaldi to ask Dr. Dill if cats can be trained to stay within an invisible fence.

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

Councilor Castaldi to attend the first monthly MSMJ meeting as council liaison for the group. He would like the Council members to communicate their needs/likes/dislikes to the Borough Manager and to him as the liaison.

Councilor Eichler mentioned that this year's Winterfest might include a cookie crawl, which Dave Schell acknowledged that they were looking at adding it this year.

Councilor Eichler thanked Chief Goshen, Parks (Barry Geltmacher) and Public Works for the signage at the parks. It is a nice steel sign and very proactive.

Chief Goshen stated that the autism awareness campaign only has a couple of days left; ends on April 1, 2022. Between the police and fire departments, they have raised close to \$5,000. No other department has done an autism awareness campaign.

Councilor Fahndrich inquired with Chief Goshen on how the 'breakfast with a cop' event is going. Chief Goshen explained that it is a huge event with the highest number of attendees being forty-six out of fifty-two students. Some parents have attended and loved it! Gift cards (Stauffers/Giant) have been dropped off to help with the food. Dave Schell, MSMJ applied for a state award through the county for the Main Street programs for the Police and Nancy to see if they can win something for it. Councilor Fahndrich confirmed with Chief Goshen that the Make-a-Wish convoy is still on.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS**

The committee went into Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel matters at 19:47 Hrs. and ended at 20:09 Hrs. A decision was made to hold another Executive Session on Monday night.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 20:10 Hrs. Councilor Castaldi made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by Diana Ellis