

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

May 23, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion to adopt the Public Safety Committee Meeting Agenda for May 23, 2022 as presented was made by Councilor Castaldi, seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Motion carried unanimously. Agenda as presented has been adopted.

PUBLIC INPUT

Eric Roering, 319 Berry Street, interim President of Voyage Mount Joy and Allory Melhorn are present to answer any questions the committee may have regarding item 10C National Night Out. They need to know who to put on as the COL for the liability insurance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the Minutes for the April 25, 2022 Public Safety Committee Meeting was made by Councilor Castaldi, seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Motion carried unanimously. Minutes as presented has been approved.

FDMJ REPORT

FDMJ Chief Gohn was in attendance and reviewed his monthly report. There was a total of thirty-eight calls for the month of May with a total for 180 at the end of 04/30/22. The time in service was twenty-one hours and ten minutes. The average response time in April was 4:41 and the average arrival time was 10:14. They averaged ten members per call. Forty-six members were trained for a total of 379 hours and zero minutes. The fire department participated in four community service events; one funeral detail; one fire police detail assisting with 5K race; assisted with CTC fire cadet training and one duty crew in April. Thirty-eight members were trained.

EMA REPORT

Since the resignation of the EMA Coordinator, Mayor Bradley was named Deputy Coordinator along with several others who were listed on the resource guide as Deputy Coordinators. He

reached out to a number of them and there is no interest in continuing to participate due to where they are now geographically located. As he reported to Council last session there were a couple of things identified, the Emergency Operations Plan is outdated, last updated in 2019, as well as the NARM. As the initial steps to have that taken care of, the resources related to Public Safety end of things, the Police Chief has provided updates and the Borough Manager is working on getting the original documents from the former EMA Coordinator. That work is ongoing, and we need to fill that Coordinator role. Also, he plans on having a meeting next month with members of EMA who are interested.

PSH LIFE LION REPORT

Adam Marden was in attendance and his report was included in the packet. There was a total of forty-four calls in April; fourteen Class 1, nine Class 2 and twenty-one Class 3 calls. The busiest days of the week were Monday and Saturday, eight calls each day. The busiest unit was day shift. They were covered seventeen times in Mount Joy Borough. Their response time was 8:20 for Class 1 calls. The academy starts today with six; two were no shows. They have five new employees starting between today and June. They are about 70 percent staffed.

OLD BUSINESS

EMS Service Contracts

Borough Manager Pugliese was absent; nothing new to report.

Parking

Mayor Bradley stated that the State is moving forward with their paid parking. Several residential areas and the proximity to the park may be impacted. The committee might want to consider two-hour parking around Delta and Market Streets; or at least one of the streets. That is a separate part of the ordinance. He feels we should move ahead with the residential parking permit process ordinance. Councilor Fahndrich will send a reminder to get comments from the Public Safety Committee for the July Council meeting.

Feral Cats

Discussion held on feral and free roaming cats and the increasing problem here in Mount Joy and other areas. Chief Goshen presented an Ordinance for review. It is targeted to controlling any animal. It is a combination of the Manheim Township Ordinance, which has been discussed at length, and our own and is plugged into our format. The hope is that it has been reviewed and we can discuss any edits you would like to see and then move it forward. He relayed that Mayor Bradley had previously expressed that this is a two-prong approach – controlling your animal and controlling your animal's behavior and that is why there are two ordinances; one is for the animal, and one is for the animal's noise. Waiting for some entity to show up and do it for free, is just not going to happen. Mayor Bradley was concerned about the fine and the need to look at other Ordinances and associated fines. Councilor Castaldi made a motion to move forward with the Animal Control ordinance as prepared by Chief Goshen to full Council for consideration, seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Traffic Study – Pinkerton Road & Marietta Avenue

Traffic turning study prepared by Sergeant Drexel was presented. There is a substantial amount of data in the packet. His recommendation is to limit usage of Pinkerton Road to vehicles that are less than forty feet long. This will allow school buses to continue to use Pinkerton Road. Sergeant Drexel overlaid a map that shows where the appropriate signage would have to be placed around the community. This is a tool that can be turned over to Public Works as basically a template for the placement of the signs. His recommendation is minimally evasive while accomplishing our goals. Part of the study recommends that the signs for vehicles over forty feet long be placed on Pinkerton and Koser Roads which is actually in East Donegal Township. There is a way for the Borough to dictate to the Township that they have to install the sign whether they agree with the study or not, he just needs to ensure language is legally enforceable. If it is the committee's wish to adopt this and it moves to Council and is accepted, then communication is given to East Donegal Township and then PennDOT would be advised of the changes to the roadways through a TE report and that TE report would get pushed out to Google Earth and other navigational entities and to their transportation department. Mayor Bradley feels that the sign on New Haven could be removed as it is a bit redundant. There are already no truck traffic signs on some of the streets. Chief Goshen said that Public Works should use this overlay to ensure the signs are there and are in good condition. Councilor Castaldi made a motion to forward the truck turning traffic study to full Council for consideration; seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Motion passed unanimously.

EMA Manager Recommendation to Governor

Mayor Bradley feels this position needs to be advertised and submit resumes for this position since we do not have any names. This will have to go through Admin and Finance. There has to be some direction from the Borough Manager to advertise this position. Lancaster County EMA Coordinator, Phil Colvan recently retired and is very active in Public Safety in the Borough. In conversation with Phil, he is willing to help but does not want to step into that role but would be willing to be put on as a Deputy. There were some other names that had been suggested but it is Mayor Bradley's understanding that they have moved out of the area. By advertising for that position, we will get to see if there are other people in the area that have some emergency management background that would be willing to step up. If that doesn't work out, we will have to have some conversation. There are some municipalities who have consolidated EMA and have moved into the direction of regional EMA. The second thing is that currently there is no compensation for this position. Council has to reflect that some minimal level of compensation would be appropriate if you are asking someone to serve in a required role as a department head for the Borough. Councilor Fahndrich will discuss this with the Borough Manager as it is not budgeted this year, but consider it for next year. Ultimately it has to go through Admin and Finance but must be approved by Council

Voyage Mount Joy – National Night Out – August 02, 2022

Voyage Mount Joy submitted an application to Chief Goshen for National Night Out. They are looking to close Delta Street between Henry and Main Streets from 6pm to

8pm. Chief Goshen went ahead and preemptively registered the Borough through National Night Out and has been turned over to Mr. Roering. Mr. Melhorn explained that this event is really a family night. They are looking at two or three food trucks (Rotary Fry Wagon and Dutch Country Hand Rolled Pretzels; looking for another local food truck). They have reached out to a musician and a bounce house. They would also like to have a police cruiser and fire truck on hand. Chief Goshen confirmed a cruiser, and one or two officers would be on hand. Before Mayor Bradley signs off, he would like to see a letter from Sheetz Funeral Home stating they are on board with it since they may be impacted. Councilor Fahndrich asked what their question on the COI/COL was. They do not know who to list as the COI. Chief Goshen said to list Mount Joy Borough. He will email Mr. Melhorn a copy of what it should look like. Chief Goshen questioned whether the music was going to be amplified due to the Borough's noise ordinance. Mr. Melhorn explained that he was planning on some amplification, but it is a single artist playing an acoustic guitar. Chief Goshen explained that in order to have amplification, you have to make a request for an exemption to the noise ordinance. Councilor Fahndrich made a motion to move to full Council for the June 6, 2022 meeting to consider a noise ordinance exemption; seconded by Councilor Castaldi. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

Bruce Haigh, West Ward, commented on the cat ordinance changes and the truck traffic study.

ANY OTHER MATTER PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Mayor Bradley commented on Harold Billow's passing last week. His tradition of placing flags on his property for those killed in the Malmedy massacre on several patriotic holidays, specifically on Memorial Day has been accomplished. The police and fire departments and the Cub Scouts cleaned up his yard and placed flags in front of his home. The schedule of events was sent out to Council: viewing will be Tuesday from 5pm to 8pm; visitation on Wednesday at Florin Church of the Brethren from 10am to 11am with the memorial service at 11am; and burial at Fort Indiantown Gap Thursday at 9:30am. The convoy begins at 8am in the Borough. Mayor Bradley expressed his appreciation to Sergeant Drexel who has been in charge of the department for the past week or so and did a fabulous job in helping with the coordination of this event. He would also like to thank Public Safety organization and the community.

Councilor Fahndrich expressed the huge loss to the community and encourages people to drive past his home to see the flag display.

Mayor Bradley mentioned that he has been approached by the Boy Scouts about a possible memorial for Harold Billow.

Councilor Castaldi expressed that it was his honor to have the opportunity to have been with him a couple of times in his short time on Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS

An Executive Session was not held.

ADJOURNMENT

At 20:04 Hrs. Councilor Castaldi made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by Diana Ellis