

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

June 27, 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, Chief Goshen and Borough Manager Pugliese. Councilor Eichler was absent.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion to adopt the Public Safety Committee Meeting Agenda for June 27, 2022 as presented was made by Councilor Castaldi, seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Motion carried unanimously. Agenda as presented has been adopted.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the Minutes for the May 23, 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 which was included in the packet. There was a total of forty-six calls for the month of May with a total for 226 at the end of 05/30/22. The time in service was forty-six hours and fifty-two minutes. The average response time in May was 4:05 and the average arrival time was 9:17. Total man hours was 338 hours and thirty-one minutes due to the large barn fire in Rapho. They averaged nine members per call. Thirty-seven members were trained for a total of 449 hours and zero minutes. The fire department participated in nineteen community service events; one funeral detail; two parades, eleven duty crew, one work detail and four public service events in May. They did a fire prevention detail at Janus School. All fire loss was in Rapho Township. Thirty-seven members were trained. All Borough residents and a few in surrounding municipalities that we cover received a membership drive letter.

EMA REPORT

Mayor Bradley gave a verbal report for the current month and will submit a written report to full Council at the end of the month. Chief Goshen created the ISP for the Memorial Day Parade and Incident Plan for the Craft Show. ISP for the Car Show will be completed by Mayor Bradley; waiting for feedback from other agencies; should be finalized by the end of next week. Would like to streamline the new ISP and update it based on how we operate these events. There is not going to be an EOC set up. The police department heads a briefing in the morning and we will continue to do that. Emergencies in the event area will be handled through the LCWC system. We still need to work on the Emergency Operations Plan. He held a meeting this month with two identified members. The EMA membership records will now be kept here at the Borough office and they are in the process of updating telephone numbers. He is in receipt of the key to the cabinet but is still in need of radios and other necessary equipment from the former EMA Coordinator. In terms of priority, Council needs to identify someone in a permanent capacity, need to get event planning streamlined, update the EOP and resource list.

PSH LIFE LION REPORT

Adam Marden was in attendance and reviewed his report which was included in the packet. There was a total of seventy calls in May; thirty-one Class 1, thirteen Class 2 and twenty-six Class 3 calls. The busiest days of the week were Monday, Tuesday and Friday, with nineteen calls on Monday and twelve on Tuesday and Friday. The busiest unit was day shift. They were covered twelve times in Mount Joy Borough. Their response time was 8:11 for Class 1 calls. They participated in Emergency Days at the Janus School; had an ambulance on standby for the Mother's Day Convoy and the Memorial Day Parade. Chicques United Methodist Church held a festival and all the donations went to PSH Life Lion which will come back to the Borough through supplies, etc. He would like a list of special events in the Borough that require coverage. They are dealing with an issue with a newer ambulance company (Code 3) that is housed out of Columbia Borough. They had a large incident with them on Friday where they just showed up. They have been seen going through Mount Joy Borough and Rapho Township. They are mainly a transport and standby service but seem to show up at emergency calls. They have CPR training at the high school this week. The new Pediatric Center opened this past Monday. Councilor Fahndrich questioned how the new hospital will affect them. Adam explained that a patient can request to go to the hospital of the patient's choosing unless they are critical, then by law they cannot pass a 911 receiving hospital. Adam will not be present for next month's meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

EMS Service Contracts

Borough Manager Pugliese requested a list of events from MSMJ and the Fire Company requiring coverage to attach to the EMS Service Contract. Chief Goshen will send a list of all events so a determination can be made of what should be covered. Mayor Bradley suggested to give a number of events as opposed to named events. The verbiage in the contract was changed to Borough sanctioned events.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Parking Ordinance

Chief Goshen combined the current residential parking ordinance with the Solicitor's comments which is in italics. For clarification purposes, we were using residential area and should be residential district. Hearing changed from 30 to 60 days. Street signage ordinance will need to be changed to reference this parking permit. Discussion regarding the proposed changes was discussed at length. Councilor Fahndrich made a motion to move the suggestions and changes made tonight to full council for comment, seconded by Councilor Castaldi. Motion passed unanimously. After further discussion, Councilor Fahndrich withdrew the motion. Councilor Fahndrich made a motion that Chief Goshen make the suggested changes on this document and we move this document to full Council for consideration, seconded by Councilor Castaldi. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

Amy Snyder, 44 East Main Street, came seven years ago to many meetings about parking but her particular situation was not discussed so she saw in LNP that paid parking was coming to Amtrak and was concerned about that and the new proposed parking ordinance and how that would impact them. She wasn't sure how her special temporary parking permit would be affected by all of it and knows that they are grandfathered into their situation and doesn't want to be forgotten. Mayor Bradley explained that special temporary parking permits have been issued annually to those that have no off-street parking available for those units. He does not see this new residential permit parking process to affect her situation at this point. However, with the paid parking coming to Amtrak, there may be riders that may try to gravitate to other areas to avoid paying for parking. A conversation may need to happen regarding her property to come up with a better long-term solution than coming annually to the police department for a permit. Amy explained that as a point of reference, she is a Librarian and found where the property was subdivided and the notes about the off-street parking. Mayor Bradley asked Amy to submit those documents to the Borough Manager. She had submitted the information seven years ago and someone found the corresponding minutes, but she will forward her information again to the Borough Manager. Councilor Castaldi confirmed that she should continue to come in annually for her special temporary parking permit until further notice.

ANY OTHER MATTER PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Borough Manager Pugliese said this was the first Zoom Public Safety Committee meeting webinar.

Councilor Castaldi discussed email archiving and will follow up with the Borough Manager.

Councilor Castaldi inquired about what can we do in the future about gun safety. Mayor Bradley suggested that something could be placed in the newsletter regarding gun storage, second amendment rights, could include the bike helmet program, etc. Borough Manager Pugliese said we should watch what is going through legislation.

Councilor Castaldi mentioned that Trop Gun Shop has had three break-ins over the past two years and feels they should have increased security awareness.

Chief Goshen explained that our department is hosting a collective drive that we have done for the past 1 ½ years over holidays. We team up with Wilsbach Distributors, MADD and UBER and we sponsor an initiative called Decide to Ride. We put out a QR code for a free \$20 voucher for UBER for anyone who indulges too much. We did it over the Memorial Day weekend; 192 vouchers were claimed overall; 64 in our department, as we were the only department in Lancaster County who participated. We are leading the effort in this area. He presented this to the Lancaster County Police Chiefs' Association and twenty-eight more police chiefs are going to post it on their website. Instead of taking the enforcement position, we are taking the prevention position. It's a great program! Mayor Bradley thanked Chief Goshen for leading the effort and for taking it to the Lancaster Police Chief's Association.

Mayor Bradley expressed the need to update the gun ordinance which Chief Goshen will rewrite.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS

The committee went into Executive Session at 20:15 Hrs. and ended at 20:30 Hrs.

ADJOURNMENT

At 20:32 Hrs. Councilor Castaldi made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by Diana Ellis