

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion to adopt the Public Safety Committee Meeting Agenda for October 24, 2022 as presented was made by Councilor Castaldi, seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion to approve the Agenda as presented carried unanimously. Mayor Bradley requested an Executive Session.

PUBLIC INPUT

Alayne Rupp, 432 Glenn Avenue (Orchards) discussed the tall curb in front of the Dollar General in the upper (west) entrance. She ran over it and did extensive damage to her car. The body shop told her they get business from that location weekly. When you drive a SUV, you lose site of the curb and suggested some reflective markers would help. It is about twelve inches high. Councilor Castaldi said it was brought to his attention as well. Chief Goshen will check with Codes and Zoning about having it addressed.

Josh Deering, 33 Frank Street, provided the address for Dollar General, 553 West Main Street. He inquired about whether or not Chief Goshen could pull up the number of reportable accidents at that location. He said the curb is about six to eight inches wide.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the Minutes from the September 26, 2022 Public Safety Committee Meeting was made by Councilor Castaldi, seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion carried unanimously. Minutes from the September 26, 2022 meeting have been approved.

FDMJ REPORT

FDMJ Chief Brett Hamm was in attendance and reviewed his report which was included in the packet. There was a total of forty-five calls for the month of September with a total of 402 at the end of 09/30/22. The time in service for the month was 31 hours and 39 minutes. The average response time in September was 4:54 and the average arrival time was 10:16 with Fire Police calls. They averaged eight members per call for the month. Total man hours were 263 hours and 19 minutes. They did not have any fire prevention details. They had one public

service event and the Fire Police assisted with six community service events. Thirty-one members were trained for a total of 242 hours and 15 minutes. There were thirty-three first due calls; eighteen in the Borough, twelve in Rapho Township, and three in Mount Joy Township. One notable fire: Habecker Road in Rapho Township on September 4, 2022.

EMA REPORT

Mayor Bradley completed the ISP for downtown Fall Fest; will have the ISP for Winterfest completed in the next two weeks. He would like to have a roundtable discussion with the pertinent departments before Thanksgiving to prepare for snowfall emergencies. Present for the roundtable should be Chief Goshen, Manager Pugliese, Public Works and the acting EMA Coordinator. He was also looking for an update in the search process.

PSH LIFE LION REPORT

Adam Marden was in attendance and reviewed his September report which was included in the packet. There was a total of sixty-three 911 calls in the borough; thirty-six Class 1, four Class 2 and twenty-three Class 3 calls. Their response time was 8:39. The busiest day of the week was Sunday with fifteen calls; followed by Thursday with eleven calls. The busiest unit was dayshift; with midnight being the busiest hour of the day. They were covered ten times in Mount Joy Borough and they covered ten calls in other municipalities for another EMS agency. He (through Mayor Bradley) assisted Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church with purchasing an AED and will train approximately ten members of the church on November 3, 2022 in the use of the AED; not a certification course. Adam explained that with the new hospital opening, they have done some transfers from Penn State Lancaster to either Penn State Hershey or LGH for a higher level of care. Each of the ambulances are taking turns doing the transfers. They are looking at working with the State Constables, as there are over thirty that work together to do mental health transports for 201 patients only. The citation bars for the 'saved ceremony' have arrived; just need to schedule a date. Manager Pugliese to provide Adam with upcoming meeting dates. There is an EMS academy starting November 7, 2022.

Mayor Bradley thanked Adam for his transparency of the transfers. In future reports, he would like his report to include...any calls missed due to transfers and a list of all units and number of transfers each unit does for each station. Adam tries to use the Mount Joy Borough ambulance for a Mount Joy resident but that is not always possible.

OLD BUSINESS

EMC Position Description

Chief Goshen provided a copy of the edited EMC Position Description which was included in the packet; revisions highlighted in yellow. Mayor Bradley thought it should be forwarded to full Council. Councilor Eichler made a motion to move the EMC Position Description to full Council; seconded by Councilor Castaldi. Motion passed unanimously.

Traffic Study Angle Street and Terrace Avenue

Chief Goshen did a site review and there are no convenient sign posts to install the traffic controller. Dennis Nissley will place a pole/flange so once that is installed, data collection can begin.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Police Unit Authorization for Manheim Event

Included in the packet was a request from Manheim Borough requesting authorization for Mount Joy Fire Police to participate in their event on December 3, 2022. The Borough must give authority for events outside the jurisdiction. Councilor Castaldi made a motion to move to full Council the authorization request for the Fire Police to participate in the Manheim event, in the event that the Fire Chief did not have this authorized previously; seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion carried unanimously.

2022 Winterfest Road Closure

This is an advisement only, as this was previously presented and approved a couple of months ago. It is scheduled for December 3, 2022. The road closure is from approximately 1pm to 9pm. The TE-300 form will be sent this week.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

ANY OTHER MATTER PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Councilor Castaldi mentioned that cats were in the news again. Columbia Borough Council is going to hear from the Nobody's Cat Organization on November 7, 2022. Also, something is going on in Cumberland County as well regarding feral cats.

Councilor Castaldi mentioned the letter that Manager Pugliese forwarded from USPS that affects Birchland Avenue. He has had concerns for years in Lancaster County and throughout the Midstate with people crossing busy roadways to retrieve their mail. Chief Goshen stated it is a Federal issue and is the Postmaster's decision where mailboxes are placed since they create the route. Councilor Castaldi thinks we should reach out to Congressman Smucker regarding this issue. Manager Pugliese did speak to the Post Office about Birchland Avenue, since it is not on the exempt list for curbs/sidewalks. Mayor Bradley suggested that it should be brought up to the Chair of the Committee so it can be put on the Agenda for discussion.

Councilor Eichler said the 'prohibiting brake retarder' sign on Locust Street and Marietta Avenue, (faces south), is faded and needs to be replaced.

Councilor Eichler expressed concern about drones in the Borough. Mayor Bradley explained that drones, when in the air, are governed by the FAA, so there are limitations on local authorities. Councilor Eichler was concerned about protecting our parks. Title 30 of Fish & Boat and Title 34 of Game & Wildlife have language that drones cannot be used on fish and boat properties or on game lands. He also does event security for Hershey Entertainment and at one of the events a drone was spotted and once the supervisor was notified, it was gone in five minutes. He was

also concerned about the owl and nest. He asked Chief Goshen to check into the language again with the FAA. Chief Goshen explained that you can buy a device that looks like a radar gun, point it at the drone and an electronic signal 'tells' it to go home. Typically, FAA rules are altitude based. The number of airports complicate the issue (Donegal Springs Road/Harrisburg International), and there are a number of exceptions. Chief Goshen is in agreement with the issue and will look into the laws. Manager Pugliese said they started a drone program in West Hempfield Township before he left. Anyone who uses one for commercial use must have a pilot's license. As long as it is off the ground, it is FAA governed. You could pass an ordinance within the Borough that states drones cannot take off or land in the Borough parks.

Manager Pugliese received word from PennDOT that the planters on Donegal Street and Marietta Avenue need to be removed. They have been there since 1995. He is looking at placing them on the other side of the crosswalk. Mayor Bradley said bump out curbing could be installed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL/LEGAL MATTERS

The committee went into Executive Session at 19:36 Hrs. and ended at 20:00 Hrs. No decisions were made.

ADJOURNMENT

At 20:01 Hrs. Councilor Castaldi made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by Diana Ellis