

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

November 28, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the Minutes from the October 24, 2022 Public Safety Committee Meeting was made by Councilor Castaldi, seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion carried unanimously. Minutes from the October 24, 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 October with a total of 447 at the end of 10/31/22. The time in service for the month was 38 hours and 37 minutes. The average response time in October was 4:39 and the average arrival time was 9:31 with Fire Police calls. They averaged nine members per call for the month. Total man hours were 276 hours and 26 minutes. They had two fire prevention details, four public service details, two parades, two work details and the Fire Police assisted with four community service events. Thirty-six members were trained for a total of 321 hours and 15 minutes. There were thirty-four first due calls; fifteen in the Borough, twelve in Rapho Township, three in Mount Joy Township and four in East Donegal Township.

EMA REPORT

Mayor Bradley completed the ISP for Winterfest and has been sent out to all parties. The job description is on the December Council Agenda per Manager Pugliese.

PSH LIFE LION REPORT

Adam Marden was in attendance and reviewed his October report which was included in the packet. There was a total of fifty-seven 911 calls in the Borough; twenty-eight Class 1, twelve Class 2 and seventeen Class 3 calls. Their response time was 7:29. The busiest day of the week was Wednesday with twelve calls; followed by Friday with ten calls. The busiest unit was dayshift; with 18:00 Hrs. being the busiest hour of the day. They were covered seventeen times in Mount Joy Borough. One of the times covered, they were backed into at Hershey. They were covered four times while on transfers; they covered Northwest EMS seventeen times. The breakdown on transfers is in the packet as requested by Mayor Bradley. West Shore is looking to initiate transport vehicles on a trial basis and has put out positions to do the transfers. They will have a full crew for Winterfest. They have three people in the EMT class out of fifteen applications. The 'saved ceremony' will be held at the next council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Traffic Study Angle Street and Terrace Avenue

Chief Goshen stated the traffic study is still in process.

Drone Regulations

Chief Goshen completed the drone research and included Title 53 Section 305 in the packet which states it is illegal for any Pennsylvania county, city, borough, incorporated township or municipality to regulate ownership or operation of unmanned aircraft. The overriding section that pre-exempts anything is Title 18, Section 3505 which explicitly makes it their domain and FAA is who governs it. There is an app that you are supposed to use - 'Before You Fly'- regardless of size, it will tell you whether or not you can do it in real time. The FAA has another app (lannc); FAA governs all control over that. There are exemptions for emergency services (police and fire). Councilor Eichler explained that game and wild life applies to our park so it is covered under Title 34 (harassment of wildlife), particularly when it comes to the owl. Manager Pugliese explained there are separate licensures for an operator. For example, a regular user cannot fly over crowds (i.e. Winterfest) unless they have a particular license to do so. The same applies for operating at nighttime; need an endorsement on your FAA license to do those things. So, there are things that even though they are not in the crimes code, they are certainly able to call the FAA law enforcement number and turn everything over to them for prosecution.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Safety Administration Responsibilities Discussion

Warwick Emergency Services Commission (WESC) Fire Commissioner job description was circulated for discussion. Mayor Bradley is not suggesting a Fire Commissioner position which is why the Agenda item says something different. We previously discussed that some of the FDMJ responsibilities were very taxing; planning, knox boxes, etc. In reviewing this job description, it takes some of the responsibilities from the volunteer fire department and could provide a creative way to lessen the burden for FDMJ. He just wanted to start the conversation. We currently have a planning chief with daytime availability. Manager Pugliese stated that Columbia Borough and

Manheim Township have similar positions. We should invite Duane Ober (WESC) to attend a future meeting, perhaps in January. Councilor Fahndrich will check statewide for similar position descriptions. The committee members are to bring their thoughts/comments to the next meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

ANY OTHER MATTER PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Chief Goshen provided Sergeant Drexel's findings from the Teen Seatbelt Enforcement Wave initiative that was conducted from 10/10/2022 to 10/22/2022. They made forty-five contacts; issued four citations and had one DUI arrest. It was very successful!

Manager Pugliese has been chatting with other managers who are getting requests from residents for designated parking spaces in front of their homes to charge their electric vehicles. It is only a matter of time before we get similar requests. Also, he is still waiting on the Solicitor for the permitted parking ordinance. She can get the truck ordinance done quickly.

Mayor Bradley began discussion on EV charging stations. He would entertain grant opportunities for charging stations in the downtown business district. He would like this discussion added to next month's Agenda. Chief Goshen explained that parking is already a premium on Main Street. He feels it is premature; not sure if our infrastructure exists to sustain charging stations.

Councilor Eichler mentioned that the stainless-steel control box for the light located at Market and Main Streets (by the Post Office) has graffiti on it and would like Public Works notified. Manager Pugliese will take care of it.

Councilor Fahndrich questioned why the recruitment banner for FDMJ was never put up. Chief Goshen explained that the vendor who created the banner did not put the correct eyelets/buckles/fasteners on the banner so it could not be put up and there was not sufficient time to correct the issue. FDMJ decided not to put up the banner.

Next meeting is December 19, 2022 (3rd Monday of the month due to the holiday).

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL/LEGAL MATTERS

An Executive Session was not held.

ADJOURNMENT

At 19:40 Hrs. Councilor Eichler made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilor Castaldi. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by Diana Ellis