

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2023

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

Chief Goshen made an amendment to the Agenda. Add item 10g Under New Business, MSMJ Art & Craft Show Road Closure on June 10, 2023 from 8am to 4pm. A motion to approve the Public Safety Committee Meeting Agenda as amended for January 23, 2023 was made by Councilor Eichler, seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Motion to approve the Agenda as amended with 10g under New Business carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the Minutes from the December 19, 2022 Public Safety Committee Meeting as presented was made by Councilor Eichler, seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Motion carried unanimously. Minutes from the December 19, 2022 meeting have been approved.

FDMJ REPORT

FDMJ Chief Brett Hamm was in attendance and reviewed the monthly Incident Report Summary which was included in the packet. There was a total of forty-seven calls for the month of December with a total of 547 at the end of 12/31/22. Calls were every 16 hours and 1 minute. The time in service for the month was 28 hours and 14 minutes. The average response time in December was 5:04 and the average arrival time was 10:14 with Fire Police calls. They averaged eight members per call for the month. Total man hours were 160 hours and 27 minutes. They had three fire prevention details and had one community service event (Winterfest). Twenty-seven members were trained for a total of 164 hours and 20 minutes. There were twenty-nine first due alarms; fourteen in the Borough, eleven in Rapho Township, two in Mount Joy Township and two in East Donegal Township. One notable first due call on Church Street.

FDMJ Chief Brett Hamm also reviewed the 2022 Annual Incident Report Summary which was included in the packet. FDMJ responded to 547 alarms for the year which was twelve more than

in 2021. They averaged ten members per call for the year with a total of 5,228 members. Their average response time was 4:35 with an average arrival time of 9:55. They responded to 349 first due alarms; Mount Joy Borough - 156, Rapho Township - 139, Mount Joy Township – 21 and East Donegal Township – 33. Total training hours 4,470 hours and 25 minutes for sixty-four members. They participated in eleven fire prevention details in 2022. Community Service Details for the year: 33 community service events, 1 event standby, 26 duty crews, 2 funeral details, 4 parades, 12 work details and 2 membership recruitment events for 2022 calendar year.

Councilor Castaldi thanked FDMJ for the nature of the safety checks. The organization was very happy with the safety check; well done and a great service.

EMA REPORT

Mayor Bradley is in the process of updating the Emergency Operations Plan. He received communications from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania regarding a change in the EMA certification process. Historically there were advanced and professional certifications that didn't require continuing education but as of 2022 they have changed that process. While many of the courses are fairly consistent with what was required before, there are required trainings at the local level for continuing education purposes. The previous certifications (that Mayor Bradley holds) are grandfathered for five years. He will forward a copy to Manager Pugliese; may need to change the job description.

PSH LIFE LION REPORT

Adam Marden was in attendance and reviewed his monthly and annual reports which were included in the packet. There was a total of seventy-two 911 calls in the Borough; thirty-two Class 1, eleven Class 2 and twenty-nine Class 3 calls. Their response time was 7:48. The busiest day of the week was Thursday with fifteen calls; followed by Sunday with twelve calls. The busiest unit was nightshift; with 11am and 12n being the busiest time of the day. They were covered twelve times in Mount Joy Borough. Lancaster EMS Council had a meeting to discuss the lengthy wait times in the Emergency Room. Staffing is good. They have three graduating from the Academy this week and three still in training. They were at Winterfest in December and will continue to support the community events. The 2022-year end report was included in the packet as well.

Councilor Eichler asked him to explain the difference between Class 1, 2, and 3 calls. Class 1 – Paramedic Unit, Class 2 – BLS Unit with lights and sirens and Class 3 – BLS Unit without lights and sirens; no rush. There is also a new dispatch call, Class 1-i which is for an Intermediate Unit or ILS which the provider is between and EMT and a Paramedic. They can do advanced skills, just not as much as a Paramedic; very useful.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

a. Voyage Mount Joy 4th of July Community Event Proposal

Eric Roering and Allory Melhorn inquired about Voyage Mount Joy hosting a Fete' en Independence event on Saturday, July 1, 2023; similar to Fete' en Blanc except this event would have an Independence theme of red/white/blue. They are anticipating setting up 55-60 tables (with chairs) that would be rented by the attendees. The attendees would bring their own food, beverage and table decor. Voyage would partner with restaurants in the Borough (preferred vendors). Voyage would provide a live soft rock band and there would be a table décor contest. The rental fee for the tables and chairs would be a fundraiser for Voyage Mount Joy. They would like to host this event at Memorial Park given the theme of Independence, similar to what the Chamber does with Music in the Park.

Mayor Bradley loves the idea but he does not think that dinner parties at Memorial Park keep with the spirit of the park. Alcohol and fundraising are not permitted at Memorial Park. However, he is not opposed to closing nearby streets in proximity of the park. He is very supportive of the event; likes the creativity and new innovative ideas from the group. He proposed Kunkle Field/Borough Park. Florin Park is quaint and underutilized as well. Councilor Fahndrich loves the idea but agreed with Mayor Bradley concerning the use of Memorial Park.

Chief Goshen explained that there would have to be a special exception suspending the open container law. Also, someone would need to put their liquor license on the line since there would be alcohol at the event; doesn't matter if it was sold or distributed.

Councilor Castaldi does not feel that the grounds should be used for a fundraiser; fine with community events.

Councilor Eichler remembered a concrete bandstand at Borough Park many years ago. It was off the Barbara Street side. He felt that we need to reestablish a place for bands or theatrical events that would open the door to more community events. Perhaps we could look into it with the Parks Committee.

Manager Pugliese will get some advice from the Solicitor. Also mentioned that the Borough Park is getting a facelift through a grant and is unsure of the timeframe. Most of the work is being done at Kunkle field.

Considerable discussion occurred about the event and the park. Councilor Fahndrich suggested that think about Borough Park or other locations and bring it back to Public Safety Committee's February meeting, so that it can be moved to full council in March.

b. Mount Joy Memorial Day Parade Road Closure Request (May 27, 2023)

Chief Goshen presented the road closure request. Councilor Eichler made a motion to move to full council the request for road closure for the Memorial Day Parade, seconded by Councilor Castaldi. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Kraybill Mennonite School Banner Resolution Request (May 1-13, 2023)

d. Donegal HS Graduation Banner Resolution Request (May 29-June 9, 2023)

e. Milanof-Schock Library Banner Resolution Request (June 9-26, 2023)

Chief Goshen presented the banner requests for three separate dates. The library had requested their banner go up prior to the Memorial Day parade through to their event, but we ran into this problem last year with the Graduation banner. He double checked with Dr. Lausch and their graduation date is June 6, 2023. This will give two weeks for the high school and then the library banner will go up. Councilor Castaldi made a motion to move to full council the three banner requests 'c, d, e' for Kraybill Mennonite School, Donegal High School Graduation and Milanof-Schock Library, seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion carried unanimously.

f. Fire Commissioner Questions Discussion

Councilor Fahndrich provided a list of questions to Manager Pugliese. Mayor Bradley is interested in how to limit the administrative workload of the volunteers in the fire department; what could be accomplished in a part-time role; funding mechanism; any potential places of conflict with volunteer organizations. The committee is to forward any additional questions/comments to Manager Pugliese.

g. MSMJ Art and Craft Show Road Closure Request (June 10, 2023)

Chief Goshen received a request from Dave Schell, MSMJ for a road closure for their annual Art & Craft Show on June 10, 2023 from 8am to 4pm. The request is for the same road closure as last year. Councilor Eichler made a motion to move to full council the MSMJ road closure request for the Delta Street area on June 10, 2023 from 8am to 4pm for MSMJ Art & Craft Show, seconded by Councilor Castaldi. Motion carried unanimously.

Manager Pugliese said that MSMJ needs to make sure they put 'no parking' signs up in the Borough parking lot well in advance of the event since Amtrak has initiated parking fees. Mayor Bradley suggested that the Borough consider signage for both short- and long-term parking (i.e., behind the Borough building).

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

ANY OTHER MATTER PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Councilor Castaldi inquired as to whether or not Mount Joy Chamber has requested to use Memorial Park for the music series? Discussion on the use of the park as a public space.

Chief Goshen mentioned that in York City they changed the name of their Memorial Park to Memorial Garden so they could stipulate different rules governing the use of the area. He felt that the Borough needs to develop a space sooner rather than later to accommodate future events.

Councilor Fahndrich liked the idea of a name change for Memorial Park. She would entertain discussion on it.

Manager Pugliese wanted to remind the committee that he has a grant for the masterplan of Little Chiques Park. If we want to change anything, we need to have a study group of a minimum of five citizens of varying backgrounds to facilitate the masterplan. Also, we would have to have open meetings for feedback. We need to name the study group. He already advised Public Works that we are looking for names. Mayor Bradley feels Little Chiques Park is also underutilized.

Manager Pugliese is in the process of setting up tours for the senior housing project on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 1pm and 3:30pm.

Councilor Eichler wanted to let the committee know that the State is trout stocking Little Chiques Park on February 21, 2023.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL/LEGAL MATTERS

An Executive Session was not held.

ADJOURNMENT

At 20:06 Hrs. Councilor Eichler made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilor Castaldi. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by Diana Ellis