

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

February 27, 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 two amendments to the Agenda. Add item 10f under New Business, Discussion of Fete de Independence – Voyage Mount Joy Event and item 10g under New Business, Earth Day – Sponsored by Voyage Mount Joy. A motion to approve the Public Safety Committee Meeting Agenda adding items 10f – Fete de Independence and 10g – Earth Day, as amended for February 27, 2023 was made by Councilor Castaldi, seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion to approve the Agenda as amended, with 10f and 10g under New Business carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the Minutes from the January 23, 2023 Public Safety Committee Meeting as presented was made by Councilor Eichler, seconded by Councilor Castaldi. Motion carried unanimously. Minutes from the January 23, 2023 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-four calls for the month of January 2023. Calls were every 16 hours and 50 minutes. The time in service for the month was 22 hours and 16 minutes. The average response time in January was 5:41 and the average arrival time was 11:25 with Fire Police calls. They averaged ten members per call for the month. Total man hours were 202 hours and 16 minutes. They did not have any fire prevention details, but had one community service event (removed decorations). Forty-three members were trained for a total of 289 hours and 30 minutes. There were twenty-six first due alarms; eleven in the Borough, fourteen in Rapho Township, one in Mount Joy Township and zero in East Donegal Township. One notable first due call on Square Street.

EMA REPORT

Emergency Operations Plan should be completed by the end of March; still waiting on updated information. Draft version should be available at the next meeting. Rapho Township is completing the Emergency Management Plan for the Make a Wish Convoy.

PSH LIFE LION REPORT

Adam Marden was in attendance and reviewed his monthly report for January which was included in the packet. There was a total of fifty-nine 911 calls in the Borough; thirty-nine Class 1, four Class 2 and sixteen Class 3 calls. Their response time was 8:38. The busiest days of the week were Monday with twelve calls, followed by Friday with ten calls. The busiest unit was dayshift; with 10am, 4pm and 6pm being the busiest times of the day. They were covered seventeen times in Mount Joy Borough. The next Academy class begins April 24, 2023. Adam will be on vacation March 14 - 27, 2023.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

a. Fire Commission Q&A

Duane Ober, Fire Commissioner for Warwick Emergency Services Commission, is made up of Warwick Township, Lititz Borough and Elizabeth Township, essentially the Warwick School District. Within their commission is the Brickerville, Bernerville, Lititz and Rothsville Fire Companies as well as Warwick Ambulance, Rossville Fire Company Ambulance, Northwest EMS (out of Brickerville). He also serves as an Emergency Management Coordinator for Lititz Borough and Warwick Township and Deputy Coordinator for Elizabeth Township. He answered questions that were presented to him during Q&A discussion.

b. Angled Parking Ordinance 255.69 Discussion

Mayor Bradley noted that there are locations missing on the Angled Parking Ordinance so therefore the ordinance is not reflective of angled parking in the Borough. Chief Goshen believes there was a re-write of the ordinance and feels it was an editing error as the angled parking that exists between Market and Marietta on Donegal Street was eliminated, although we still have angled parking there. Mayor Bradley said we now have angled parking on Henry Street. Manager Pugliese stated that we are still waiting for the parking ordinance, parking and traffic ordinances on Pinkerton and the permitting process. We will need to work through the angled parking ordinance and see if there are any other changes that need to be made. Chief Goshen feels this should probably go through Public Works since they know the streets and do the signage.

c. SAFER Grant

The purpose of the Safer Grant is to increase either recruitment/retention and staffing in terms of fire services. The Grant is open from 2/13/23 and closes on 3/17/23, so due to the deadline, it is not practical at this point. Manager Pugliese suggested that we could prepare a checklist and other documents in advance for next year.

d. Banner Request – FDMJ Recruitment Drive April 01, 2023

Banner request came in on 02/17/23; to be put up two weeks prior to April 1, 2023; Monday, March 20, 2023 and remove it on Monday, April 3, 2023. Chief Goshen cannot guarantee approval due to time constraints. Councilor Eichler made a motion to move to full council the FDMJ Banner Request to be displayed March 20, 2023 through April 3, 2023, seconded by Councilor Castaldi. Motion carried unanimously. Manager Pugliese confirmed that it was to be in resolution format.

e. Northwestern SPSC Update

Mayor Bradley congratulated both Chief Goshen and Sergeant Drexel for successfully completing Northwestern University School of Police and Staff Command. Sergeant Hosking is presently going through this course as well. Mayor Bradley would like this passed to full council to congratulate all on this accomplishment.

f. Fete en Independence – a Voyage Mount Joy Event

Eric Roering forwarded the information to the committee; Allory Melhorn presented. Looking to do this event on Saturday, July 1, 2023 from 5pm to 8pm. This is a national event from the Fete en Blanc, however, this one will be a very patriotic event. Tables and chairs will be provided; diners will bring their own food and table linens. The idea is to bring the community together in Mount Joy Borough over the holiday. Location would be at Little Chiques Park; sixty tables; eight people per eight-foot table; approximately five hundred guests. There will be string lights in the trees with red/white/blue theme. Band/DJ will be under the pavilion. They will have volunteers to help with parking. Restrooms will be provided as well as generators for electricity. They will need an exception for alcohol in the park and for the DJ/noise. Chief Goshen explained that the Borough would need to grant a special exception for having alcohol in a community park. Voyage Mount Joy would need to have a plan in place for parking; consider one parking ticket/table. Voyage Mount Joy is a private, self-funded marketing organization so proceeds from this event will be put back into Mount Joy Borough. Councilor Castaldi made a motion to move to full council to grant special exception for alcohol use at the Fete en Independence event on July 1, 2023; seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion carried unanimously. Councilor Castaldi made a motion to move to full council a special exception for the noise ordinance at the Fete en Independence event on July 1, 2023, seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion carried unanimously.

g. Earth Day – Sponsored by Voyage Mount Joy

Succulents by Shelby will provide plants so children can come and plant pots on Saturday, April 8, 2023 from 1pm to 5pm with an alternate date of April 22, 2023; something similar to Breakfast with a Cop only with plants. She may utilize one or both pavilions at Little Chiques Park. Possibly have police and fire present. They may have a food truck on site which would require variance for selling food on park property. Councilor Eichler made a motion to move to full council Earth Day event sponsored by Voyage Mount Joy on April 8, 2023 at Little Chiques Park from 1pm to 5pm to include a variance for vending; seconded by Councilor Castaldi. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

ANY OTHER MATTER PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Councilor Eichler wanted to thank the Mount Joy Police Department for their assistance with trout stocking on February 21, 2023 at Little Chiques Park.

Councilor Eichler wanted to let the committee know that he is unable to attend the March council meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL/LEGAL MATTERS

The committee went into Executive Session at 20:52 Hrs and ended at 21:03 Hrs. No decisions were made.

ADJOURNMENT

At 21:04 Hrs. Councilor Eichler made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilor Castaldi. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by Diana Ellis