

## **Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes**

**July 24, 2023**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by Councilor Fahndrich at 18:31 Hrs.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present were: Councilor Fahndrich, Councilor Eichler, Mayor Bradley (via Zoom), Sergeant Drexel and Borough Manager Pugliese. Councilor Castaldi and Chief Goshen were absent.

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

A motion to adopt the Public Safety Committee Meeting Agenda for July 24, 2023 as presented was made by Councilor Eichler, seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Motion to adopt the Agenda as presented carried unanimously.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

Bruce Haigh, Borough Council, West Ward, had three items to discuss. He noticed a door hanger placed by the police department on a business early in the morning. He likes the idea and would like Chief Goshen to mention it at the next council meeting. He would like the Public Safety packet distributed to the rest of Council in advance like Public Works and Admin and Finance so they can follow the discussion. Regarding item 10c, he discussed the intersection of Wood and Chocolate on the northwest corner, specifically the duplex at 303 and 305 and entrance to the Cargill plant and thought it may be an issue of signage as opposed to parking to slow the traffic.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion to approve the Minutes from the June 26, 2023 Public Safety Committee Meeting as presented was made by Councilor Eichler, seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Motion carried unanimously. Minutes from the June 26, 2023 meeting have been approved.

### **FDMJ REPORT**

FDMJ Chief Brett Hamm was in attendance and reviewed the monthly Incident Report Summary for June which was included in the packet. There was a total of fifty calls for the month of June 2023; two hundred eighty-three calls so far in 2023. Calls were every 15 hours and 35 minutes. The time in service for the month was 24 hours and 23 minutes. The average response time in June was 4:12 and the average arrival time was 8:49 with Fire Police calls. They averaged nine members per call for the month; day shift averaged five members per call. Total man hours were 190 hours and 33 minutes. Thirty-two members were trained for a total of 262 hours. There were thirty-six first due alarms with fourteen mutual aids; twenty-one in the Borough, nine in Rapho Township, three in Mount Joy Township and three in East Donegal Township.

There was one notable fire at Wissler Motors that amounted to a \$500.00 loss. They had one fire prevention detail (lunch with a fireman at the library for Pre-K program). FDMJ participated in fifteen community service details, to include eleven Knox box details, one fire alarm pre-plan, reviewed new residential development in Mount Joy Township, one business tour at Fox Chapel and assisted EMT academy on vehicle extrication.

Councilor Eichler questioned response time. Chief Hamm said response time is from the time of dispatch to the time the first piece of apparatus leaves the station. Arrival time is from the time the call is dispatched to when the first piece of equipment arrives on scene, not the fire police. These times include all areas they cover.

### **EMA REPORT**

Phil Colvin was in attendance. He will continue to work with Chief Goshen and Manager Pugliese refining plans for events, making them more user friendly in the future.

### **PSH LIFE LION REPORT**

Adam Marden was in attendance and reviewed his monthly report for June which was included in the packet. There was a total of seventy-eight 911 calls in the Borough; thirty-eight Class 1, nine Class 2 and thirty-one Class 3 calls. Their response time was 8:00. Their response time is from when they roll out of the station and arrive on scene. The busiest day of the week was Wednesday with fifteen calls. The busiest unit was dayshift and the busiest hour of the day was 11:00am with twelve calls. They were covered fourteen times. Adam received an email from LCWC last week that effective August 3, 2023, NWEMS will be the primary agency for Mount Joy Township unless there is a Class 1 call.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### a. Parking – Pinkerton Road – Open Discussion

Mayor Bradley still feels strongly about parking on Pinkerton Road. Absence of parking was never a problem and feels having parking available on one side of the road is sufficient. Councilor Eichler concurred with the Mayor's position of parking on one side. Sgt. Drexel agreed with the Mayor as far as parking on one side of the road and lane markings. He doesn't think speed going either direction will greatly differ but to consider the number of residences on one side of the road versus the other to reduce the number of pedestrian crossings. After discussion, Councilor Fahndrich made a motion to move to full Council the on-street parking recommendation as presented with the exception of only allowing parking on the east side of Pinkerton Road; seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Fall Family Fun Night/Trick or Treat – October 27 – 5pm to 8pm (MJ Chamber of Commerce)

Ashley Zell explained that the Mount Joy Chamber Board has approved the Chamber taking over what was the Trick or Treat night and the name was changed to Fall Family Fun Night for Friday, October 27, 2023 from 5pm to 8pm. The application was for a street closure from Market Street to Barbara Street. Discussion on increasing the road closure request. Councilor Fahndrich made a motion to move to full Council the road closure request from Mount Joy Chamber of Commerce for East Main Street from Barbara Street to Market Street on October 27, 2023 from 5pm to 8pm for Fall Family Fun Night/Trick or Treat; seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion carried unanimously. Councilor Fahndrich amended the motion to include Marietta Avenue from Main Street to Henry Street and Delta Street from Henry Street to Main Street; seconded by Councilor Eichler. Amended motion carried unanimously. Councilor Fahndrich made a motion to move the road closure request of East Main Street from Barbara Street to Market Street and Marietta Avenue from Main Street to Henry Street and Delta Street from Henry Street to Main Street as amended; seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion carried unanimously and will be moved to full Council.

c. Parking Issue – Wood Street and Chocolate Avenue

Mayor Bradley discussed his concern around the Cargill entrance on the slow curve and suggested that we need to clearly mark where we disallow parking. Discussion on the subject. The committee suggested that they request Chief Goshen to do a parking study at the turn and possibly consider painting the curb.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

Josh Deering, 33 Frank Street, mentioned that at last year's Trick or Treat night, many people went to Dutch Country Pretzels and with the addition of Copper Cup, he agreed with the committee that the road closure should be extended. Questioned Phil Colvin on meeting with EMA support staff.

**ANY OTHER MATTER PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE**

Councilor Eichler inquired about whether or not the police department is looking into solar digital speed signs. Sgt. Drexel explained that money used from an accident involving one of the signs will be replaced with a solar one and that they are looking at cycling out the old signs for solar signs. He has a different company they are looking at that has excellent ratings.

Manager Pugliese reminded the committee of Mount Joy night at the Barnstormer's Game on Saturday, July 29, 2023 and National Night Out on Tuesday, August 1, 2023.

Councilor Eichler was asked to have Fish & Boat Commission at National Night Out; will reach out to Voyage for additional information.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL/LEGAL MATTERS**

An Executive Session was not held.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 19:24 Hrs. Councilor Eichler made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by Diana Ellis