

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

August 28, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Councilor Fahndrich at 18:34 Hrs.

ROLL CALL

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chief Goshen made an amendment to the Agenda, under New Business, adding item 10f, Civil Service Commission Appointment Recommendation. A motion to approve the amended Agenda for August 28, 2023 with item 10f, Civil Service Commission Appointment Recommendation, under New Business was made by Councilor Eichler, seconded by Councilor Castaldi, Motion carried unanimously. A motion to accept the Agenda as amended was made by Councilor Castaldi, seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the Minutes from the July 24, 2023 Public Safety Committee Meeting as presented was made by Councilor Eichler, seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Motion carried unanimously. Minutes from the July 24, 2023 meeting have been approved.

FDMJ REPORT

FDMJ Chief Brett Hamm was in attendance and reviewed the monthly Incident Report Summary for July which was included in the packet. There was a total of fifty-four calls for the month of July 2023; three hundred thirty-seven calls so far in 2023. Calls were every 15 hours and 5 minutes. The time in service for the month was 35 hours and 42 minutes. The average response time in July was 4:52 and the average arrival time was 10:03 with Fire Police calls. They averaged nine members per call for the month; day shift averaged seven members per call. Total man hours were 280 hours and 46 minutes. Thirty-two members were trained for a total of 232 hours and 13 minutes. There were thirty-five first due alarms with nineteen mutual aids; eighteen in the Borough, eleven in Rapho Township, two in Mount Joy Township and four in East Donegal Township. There was one notable fire on Florin Avenue that amounted to a \$20,000.00 loss. They had two smoke detector installations and three pre-planned events. FDMJ participated in five meetings, thirty-two duty crew events and one knox box inspection.

Calls are on the increase. Mason Brandt was leading up the strategic plan and we are in the process of getting it up and running. Short term projects include looking at apparatus replacements, close to replacing the traffic unit in the squad but may be unable to get the 2023 vehicle from Ford; may have to carry over to 2024. There is an apparatus committee actively working on the specs for engine 75-1's replacement and depending on the manufacturer, there is a lead time of 30-36 months from the time of order. Hope to have something ordered late this year or early next year. Councilor Eichler extended his 'thank you' for all of their work.

EMA REPORT

Phil Colvin was in attendance. He worked with Chief Goshen, Fire Police and Janus School on putting the plan together for the 5K run. Still working on updating the Emergency Operations Plan. Still waiting on the Governor's Office for the official appointment. Councilor Castaldi thanked him for coming on board. Phil reminded the committee that he may need to leave the State for Task Force One requests.

PSH LIFE LION REPORT

Adam Marden was not in attendance but his monthly report for July was included in the packet. Any questions should be emailed directly to him.

OLD BUSINESS

None. However, a question was raised on the status on the study for Wood Street and Chocolate Avenue; Chief Goshen explained that it is still being worked on. There have been some changes regarding the sidewalks that are being done so that has to be finished before Sergeant Drexel can start his measurements.

NEW BUSINESS

a. The Ginger Goudie Memorial 5K - 10/28/2023

Phil Colvin met with the event organizer along with Chief Goshen and Fire Police. The plan has been started and is 95% complete. He has no issues with the race; most of the race is in Rapho Township. Fire Police will control traffic on Lefever Road and they will assist the volunteers with traffic control in the development. Shouldn't be much of an impact with the motoring public other than one lane of Lefever Road will be closed; Fire Police will move it through similar to a construction zone. Police Department will be present to shut down the one lane and they will come back when the race is over. Phil will be meeting with the event organizer, Police Department and the Fire Police at 8am; race runs from 10am -12noon.

Two representatives from Janus School were in attendance - Ginger Goudie was a teacher at Janus School for twenty years and passed away from cancer. She touched everyone at the school - children, parents, staff. She was a wonderful human being! Funds from the race will be funneled back into the school to help provide financial aid for the children.

Councilor Eichler made a motion to move the Ginger Goudie Memorial 5K beginning at 10am on October 28, 2023 to Full Council; seconded by Councilor Castaldi. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Fire Police Request – Manheim Farm Show Parade – 10/11/2023

See combined Motion under 10c.

c. Fire Police Request – East Petersburg Borough 5K – 09/23/2023

Councilor Castaldi made a motion to move to Full Council the two requests for Fire Police for the East Petersburg Borough 5K on September 23, 2023 and the Manheim Farm Show Parade on October 11, 2023; seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Police Vehicle Purchase

Regarding the Police Department's five-year rotation of the fleet, when Chief Goshen reached out to our vendor, he was informed that they are no longer making Dodge Chargers for police vehicles for 2024. He also was informed that Ford is not making Explorers in 2024 due to fulfilling orders for 2023. Chief Goshen is looking at another Dodge Durango as the Chevrolet Tahoe is about \$2500 more. He has had great feedback on our Durango – our officers love it! It is substantially larger than the Ford Explorer. He had a four-day order window. Outfitting will be approximately \$21,000 and still need the trade-in allowance for the 2018 Dodge Charger. Councilor Castaldi made a motion to move to Full Council the request to purchase a vehicle; seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion carried unanimously.

e. Preliminary 2024 Budget Review

Chief Goshen presented his budget in keeping with the timeline so the committee has time to review. Chief Goshen isn't sending anyone to Northwestern but he has two officers who are completing their degrees so he has to budget for that. He increased his vehicle maintenance so he has a little cushion there. Speed enforcement equipment is under Capital Planning and costs about \$5K each and he also needs to start preparing for the replacement of the RMS. Councilor Fahndrich applauded the percent changes compared to 2019. Councilor Eichler thanked Chief Goshen for the budget.

f. Civil Service Commission Appointment Recommendation

An alternate is needed on the Civil Service Commission and Dr. David Eichler expressed an interest and would like to be considered for this position. Discussion on regulations. Councilor Fahndrich made a motion to move the name of Dr. David Eichler as a Civil Service alternate to Full Council for consideration; seconded by Councilor Castaldi. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

None, however Councilor Fahndrich inquired with Josh Deering on how Tales & Ales event went. He said it went well.

ANY OTHER MATTER PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Councilor Eichler mentioned that the stop sign at the Northwest Bank on Barbara Street was covered $\frac{3}{4}$ with a vine, but Public Works took care of it.

Councilor Eichler inquired with Chief Goshen about the two signs on Longenecker (south) from Main Street. There are two signs specific to the underpass; height '10 feet/10 inches' and the other sign is missing; only the post is there. It used to be diamond shaped and said 'one lane road' and under that a square sign '20 mph'. The diamond sign is missing; the square 'mph' sign is still there. Heading north on Longnecker from the VFW, both signs are present. Chief Goshen will take a look.

Mayor Bradley discussed the entry/exit at Copper Cup onto Main Street. He questioned as to whether or not a 'no left turn' sign is warranted as it is very close to the intersection. When the bank had it, they think there was a 'no left turn' sign. Chief Goshen to discuss the sign with Manager Pugliese and Dennis Nissley. PennDOT would have a record as to whether or not there was a sign and they would need to approve the addition of the sign.

Councilor Eichler mentioned that Governor Shapiro changed the entrance requirements for PSP.

Chief Goshen presented a flyer he received at home on Saturday from the Municipal Services Authority of Lancaster County regarding NWEMS. A public hearing on the annual estimated fees was being held tonight from 7pm to 9pm. The participating Townships include: Conoy, East Donegal, Elizabeth, Mount Joy and West Donegal and participating Boroughs include: Elizabethtown and Marietta.

Councilor Castaldi mentioned the length of Council meetings. He would like the Councilors to be more vigilant, keep their eye on the Agenda and succinct in prepared remarks.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL/LEGAL MATTERS

An Executive Session was not held.

ADJOURNMENT

At 20:05 Hrs. Councilor Eichler made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilor Castaldi. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by Diana Ellis