

## **Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes**

**October 23, 2023**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

A motion to adopt the Public Safety Committee Meeting Agenda for October 23, 2023 as presented was made by Councilor Castaldi, seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Motion to adopt the Agenda as presented carried unanimously.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

None

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion to approve the Minutes from the September 25, 2023 Public Safety Committee Meeting as presented was made by Councilor Castaldi, seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Motion carried unanimously. Minutes from the September 25, 2023 meeting have been approved.

### **FDMJ REPORT**

FDMJ Chief Brett Hamm was in attendance and reviewed the monthly Incident Report Summary for September which was included in the packet. There was a total of forty-nine calls for the month of September 2023; four hundred forty calls so far in 2023. Calls were every 14 hours and 53 minutes. The time in service for the month was 46 hours and 10 minutes. The average response time in September was 5:05 and the average arrival time was 9:33 with Fire Police calls. They averaged nine members per call for the month; day shift averaged four members per call. Total man hours were 360 hours and 24 minutes. Twenty-two members were trained for a total of 84 hours. There were thirty-five first due alarms with fourteen mutual aids; sixteen in the Borough, twelve in Rapho Township, one in Mount Joy Township and six in East Donegal Township. There were four notable fires; three in Mount Joy Borough and one in Rapho Township that amounted to a \$686,000.00 loss for the four incidents. FDMJ members assisted with two Donegal High School football games, attended Bainbridge Fire Company 100-year celebration, East Petersburg Day, had their annual picnic and one knox box inspection. Recruitment Day is November 4, 2023.

## **EMA REPORT**

Phil Colvin was not in attendance. Manager Pugliese received the ISP for Spooktacular Family Fun Night scheduled for October 27, 2023.

## **PSH LIFE LION REPORT**

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### a. Parking Study – Chocolate Avenue & Wood Street

The study was included in the packet. Chief Goshen reviewed the study that was completed by Sergeant Drexel and provided two options. Chief Goshen stated that it comes down to the critical speed calculations that are done through that turn. Speed still needs to be determined once the road surface is totally complete. The erection of a curve warning sign with advisory speed is necessary with both options and needs to be on both sides of the turn. Chief Goshen explained that there are benefits to both options. After discussion on the study and options provided, Councilor Castaldi made a move to move to full Council the traffic study with Public Safety recommending Option 2 with the inclusion of a yellow painted line once paving is complete; seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Motion carried unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### a. Electric Scooters/Bicycles on Sidewalks

Councilor Fahndrich had a meeting with the Legislative Representative for the Borough Association who did not have anything handy but would do some research to see if any other Boroughs had put anything into an Ordinance. Councilor Fahndrich also submitted a request to the House Transportation Committee and hasn't heard back if there was any current legislation that is being looked at. Chief Goshen explained that you need to differentiate between electric scooters (no pedal assist) and electric bikes (pedal assist). He provided a fact sheet/diagram in the packet that explains the differences. Pennsylvania is behind as other states have three classes of e-bikes; Pennsylvania has one. The e-bike class that Pennsylvania follows is 100 lb. limit and 20 mph. E-bike rules mirror bicycle rules with the exception of the helmet. Municipalities have the ability to regulate and restrict use of them in a business district, specifically on a sidewalk. Within the Vehicle Code, electric wheelchairs and assisted devices are exempt. Electric scooters are not permitted on sidewalks or streets; private property only. The committee recognizes the problem and would like to move on the problem and possible regulation but needs more information. They are in favor of limiting usage in the business district and possibly beyond. Chief Goshen will research where we are/are not permitted to regulate the usage of electric scooters and e-bikes.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

Josh Deering, 33 Frank Street, expressed concern about the intersection of Wood Street and Bridge Boulevard and parking, explaining that trucks have difficulty turning right into Cargill.

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

Manager Pugliese relayed two incidents that were brought to his attention last week. One resident was attacked by a feral cat that required surgery and several nights in the hospital. Cat was not located. Another resident tripped over a raised area and had surgery last week. Public Works will go to the area this week to look at the concrete.

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

The committee went into Executive Session at 19:28 Hrs. and ended at 20:04 Hrs. No decision was made.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Submitted by Diana Ellis