

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

September 25, 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, Sergeant Drexel and Borough Manager Pugliese. Chief Goshen was absent.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion to adopt the Public Safety Committee Meeting Agenda for September 25, 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 August 28, 2023 Public Safety Committee Meeting as presented was made by Councilor Castaldi, seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Motion carried unanimously. Minutes from the August 28, 2023 meeting have been approved.

FDMJ REPORT

FDMJ Chief Brett Hamm was in attendance and reviewed the monthly Incident Report Summary for August which was included in the packet. There was a total of fifty-four calls for the month of August 2023; three hundred ninety-one-seven calls so far in 2023. Calls were every 14 hours and 54 minutes. The time in service for the month was 37 hours and 17 minutes. The average response time in August was 5:08 and the average arrival time was 10:35 with Fire Police calls. They averaged nine members per call for the month; day shift averaged 5.5 members per call. Total man hours were 299 hours and 4 minutes. Twenty-seven members were trained for a total of 123 hours and 15 minutes. There were thirty-three first due alarms with twenty-one mutual aids; twelve in the Borough, fourteen in Rapho Township, three in Mount Joy Township and six in East Donegal Township. There were two notable fires; one in Mount Joy Borough and the other in Rapho Township that amounted to a \$499,000.00 loss for the two incidents. FDMJ members assisted with the Elizabethtown Fair, one fireworks standby, one smoke detector installation, National Night Out, twenty-three duty crew events and three knox box inspections.

Mayor Bradley commended the members of the FDMJ for their work.

EMA REPORT

Phil Colvin was not in attendance. Manager Pugliese provided a copy of the letter from the State recognizing Phil Colvin as our new EMA Coordinator and emailed him as well.

PSH LIFE LION REPORT

Adam Marden was in attendance and reviewed his monthly report for August which was included in the packet. There was a total of seventy-six 911 calls in the Borough; thirty-two Class 1, nine Class 2 and thirteen Class 3. The busiest day of the week was Thursday with fifteen calls. The busiest unit was dayshift with the busiest hour at 8:00. Response time was 8:28. They were covered thirteen times by another EMS and we covered them ten times. He presented SAVE Certificates and Bars for the two officers who assisted at the cardiac arrest in June as well as the firefighters that were present. He taught some members of the American Legion on the use of their new AED. They lost an EMT due to a motorcycle accident so a group of them will be attending the services in Philadelphia on Thursday. His grandparents might set up a scholarship fund because he loved EMS so much! Mayor Bradley questioned billings between municipalities. Adam explained that it is unknown at this point. EMS Academy will be starting on October 24, 2023. He is hoping to have five. Councilor Castaldi pointed out that PennState Life Lion was in the October issue of the borough magazine.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Parking Study – Chocolate Avenue & Wood Street

The study is not complete and will be presented at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. 2018 Dodge Charger Trade-In

Last month, Chief Goshen presented/discussed the new vehicle purchase and at the time, did not have a trade-in amount. That amount has been provided in the packet. Councilor Castaldi made a motion to move the 2018 Dodge Charger trade-in to full Council, seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

ANY OTHER MATTER PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Councilor Castaldi pointed out a couple of articles from the October issue of the borough magazine.

Mayor Bradley questioned what we have outstanding with our Solicitor. Manager Pugliese did have a discussion with her about the parking permit and some other items. Mayor Bradley feels

that she should let us know what issues she may have so we can proceed with the process and is hopeful that we would have something for the next meeting.

Mayor Bradley is concerned about people using the roadway to run/walk in lieu of the sidewalk and was wondering what the law states. He would like to discuss electric scooters/bicycles on sidewalks at the next meeting.

Manager Pugliese mentioned that the bids open this week for the multi-modal transportation grant for the street markings and rectangular flashing beacons. We lost one bus stop but still have two shelters. We lost two intersections on the beacons/crosswalks; one at the library went to PennDOT today. We have identified a couple on Main Street but need to get the engineers out. Discussion on intersections followed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL/LEGAL MATTERS

An Executive Session was not held.

ADJOURNMENT

At 19:08 Hrs. Councilor Eichler made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilor Castaldi. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by Diana Ellis