

## **Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes**

**November 27, 2023**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

A motion to adopt the Public Safety Committee Meeting Agenda for November 27, 2023 as presented was made by Councilor Eichler, seconded by Councilor Castaldi. Motion to adopt the Agenda as presented carried unanimously.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

David Weiser, 616 Water Street, understands the Codes Department handles snow/ice removal issues and wanted to know why the Police Department couldn't be responsible for issuing citations for failure to remove snow/ice since the patrol officers work 24/7 and was wondering how it could be changed. Chief Goshen explained that it would require an Ordinance change. Mr. Weiser would love to see it changed or at least a discussion on it. Additionally, he stated that no handicap parking citations were issued since March when he last spoke to Chief Goshen. Chief Goshen agreed and both he and his staff have been out looking for violations; he had a discussion with Steve Krebs, Giant Store Manager and explained that often times the driver fails to display the handicap placard which is a problem. Issuing a citation to someone who failed to display a placard in the appropriate fashion follows the letter of the law, but not the spirit of the law. So, it is not for lack of effort. Mr. Weiser's issue is also vehicles parking in the loading/unloading access ramps. Chief Goshen explained that the officers are actively looking for violations and they do discuss with the motorist as they encounter them. They are aware of the loading/unloading access ramps and are being mindful of that.

Josh Deering, 33 Frank Street, brought this concern to Public Works who suggested he bring it to Public Safety. He said a line was painted around the curve on Chocolate Avenue to Wood Street and felt that the same should be done on Barbara Street where there is a blind curve (from 772 coming up to Joyland); there is a partial line but when you get to the curve, there is no line and drivers are cutting over what would be the line since there is parking on one side of the street; feels it would help to delineate the roadway.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion to approve the Minutes from the October 23, 2023 Public Safety Committee Meeting as presented was made by Councilor Castaldi, seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Motion carried unanimously. Minutes from the October 23, 2023 meeting have been approved.

## **FDMJ REPORT**

FDMJ Chief Brett Hamm was in attendance and reviewed the monthly Incident Report Summary for October which was included in the packet. There was a total of forty-seven calls for the month of October 2023; four hundred eighty-seven calls so far in 2023. Calls were every 14 hours and 58 minutes. The time in service for the month was 18 hours and 1 minute. The average response time in October was 5:13 and the average arrival time was 9:48 with Fire Police calls. They averaged 8.5 members per call for the month; day shift averaged 3.6 members per call. Total man hours were 144 hours and 16 minutes. Thirty-two members were trained for a total of 378 hours and 30 minutes. There were thirty-five first due alarms with twelve mutual aids; seventeen in the Borough, sixteen in Rapho Township, zero in Mount Joy Township and two in East Donegal Township. There was one notable fire in in Mount Joy Borough which resulted in a \$15,000.00 loss for the incident. FDMJ had three fire prevention details in school and came into contact with over 900 students which accounted for 52.5 hours and nine members. FDMJ also participated in five community service details. Recruitment Day was November 4, 2023 and resulted in three individuals completing applications; feels they need to do more targeted recruiting instead of recruiting in mass.

## **EMA REPORT**

On October 31, 2023, Phil Colvin attended the Lancaster County meeting to kick off their Hazardous Mitigation Plan. That plan must be updated every five years and it very important for the Borough to adopt the plan when it is done. He will take care of reaching out to all of the departments for the necessary submissions that have to come from the Borough. It is at least a year long process. The reason for adopting the Plan is if there was ever a Federally declared disaster in the Borough, the only way we would be eligible for hazardous mitigation money is if we adopted the plan. Winterfest is Saturday, December 2, 2023 and the ISP will be ready by the end of the week. Councilor Eichler thanked Phil for coming onboard.

## **PSH LIFE LION REPORT**

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Electric Scooters/Bicycles on Sidewalks

Chief Goshen is still working on it; looking at other municipalities; a lot of them are waiting for the State to make a decision on classification. He hasn't found one municipality who has an ordinance on it. He is not aware of any legislation that is being proposed. He placed a call to State Representative Jones' office but hasn't heard back.

Councilor Fahndrich commented that the Borough Association has no information on it. Councilor Eichler mentioned that in Lebanon County where the rail trail parallels 117 West Cornwall Township, they enacted an ordinance that prohibits e-bikes over a certain wattage or power to be on the rail trail. Mayor Bradley felt that the committee could begin the process of creating a local law ahead of the State; Councilor Castaldi agreed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

a. Manheim Borough Request for Fire Police 12/02/2023

Chief Hamm relayed that FDMJ is unable to assist due to Winterfest so the request was withdrawn.

b. Borough Ordinance Chapter 130 – Firearms and Other Weapons Discussion

Chief Goshen had a resident request a permit to set up an archery target in his backyard. Included in the packet is the current ordinance (Chapter 130), which was implemented over thirty years ago, and in reviewing it, there are some areas where revision is needed. After discussion, it was agreed that changes needed to be done and, in the process, review other obsolete ordinances so all changes and/or processes could be made at the same time to save costs.

c. Conditional Offer for New Hire

Chief Goshen explained that the candidate successfully passed the background checks and would like to proceed with the next step of a conditional offer. He needs to do the final three tests after the offer is made. Councilor Eichler made a motion to move the conditional offer for the new hire to full Council; seconded by Councilor Castaldi. Motion carried unanimously.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

David Weiser, 616 Water Street, thanked Chief on the officer who is trying to make an effort on the handicap placard violations, however he wants to discuss the loading/unloading ramps. He would like to email his specific concerns to Chief Goshen and the Public Safety Committee. Chief Goshen explained that the officers are looking for violations, but would like Mr. Weiser to call the police when he sees an issue as it helps create a mapping for the issues. Mr. Weiser feels public education is critical and would love to see something on FB. Mayor Bradley said possibly adding something to the spring newsletter would be appropriate regarding handicap accessibility, fire hydrants, etc.

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

Councilor Eichler was concerned that the yellow line is faded on Lefever Street (south coming down to 230 - Turkey Hill on the left); Chief Goshen said he would pass it along to Public Works; not sure if it is the Borough's responsibility or PennDOT.

Mayor Bradley expressed concern about the fire hydrants in the Florin Hill area are not painted. Since the streets are not adopted; not sure who is responsible for the hydrants. He would like to get them painted. If painting of the fire hydrants is the Borough's responsibility, he feels we should maintain the reflective collars. Chief Goshen spoke to Manager Pugliese who was going to discuss with Scott Kapcsos of Water Authority. Chief Goshen has run into Florin Hill Property Management about parking enforcement and explained that if they call the police about parking issues, we cannot follow local ordinance since the roads are not adopted but can follow Title 75 when a complaint has been received. Signage and painting on the roadways are strictly up to them.

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

An Executive Session was not held.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 19:56 Hrs. Councilor Castaldi made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by Diana Ellis