

## **Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes**

**July 26, 2021**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by Councilor Fahndrich at 18:33 Hrs.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

A motion to adopt the Public Safety Committee Meeting Agenda for July 26, 2021 as presented was made by Councilor Eichler, seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Agenda carried unanimously.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

Dave Schell, MSMJ thanked the police department and everyone in the Borough for their assistance with the Car Show on July 24, 2021. Councilor Fahndrich attended the event and appreciated the support.

Josh Deering, 33 Frank Street, Mount Joy, brought up the discussion at the Public Works meeting regarding speed tables or speed humps on problematic streets – Birchland Avenue, Columbia Avenue, Market, Plum and Barbara Streets – due to speeding issues. Public Works was leaning towards speed tables with the rubber tips for easier plowing. Councilor Fahndrich asked Chief Goshen about the effectiveness of speed tables. Chief Goshen explained that they are extremely expensive. He finds enforcement to be effective. Currently, Main Street and Donegal Springs Road is the main focus. If you want a traffic study done, the Committee would need to direct him to do it. Manager Pugliese feels that you need several speed tables on each street for them to be effective, or even consider raised pedestrian crossing at certain locations. Chief Goshen encouraged Councilor Deering to pass onto him resident names or particular areas that are having a speeding issue and he will install the speed sign. Councilor Fahndrich asked Josh to email the Chief and Mayor with particular streets and check with Dennis Nissley about costs. She will add it to next month's Agenda. Mayor Bradley thanked Councilor Deering for bringing this issue to the committee's attention.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion to approve the Minutes for the Public Safety Committee meeting held on June 28, 2021 as presented was made by Councilor Eichler, seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Motion to approve the Minutes carried unanimously.

## **FDMJ REPORT**

FDMJ Chief Gohn was not in attendance, however he emails his report and attends Council meetings.

## **EMA REPORT**

Matt Kratz was not in attendance; no report received.

## **SVEMS REPORT**

SVEMS report was emailed and is included in the packet.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### Free Roaming and Feral Cats

PA P.E.T.S. Feral Cat Program brochure is included in the packet. Councilor Fahndrich reached out to PSAB and wanted to reach out to Department of Ag to see if they have any educational materials. Councilor Eichler appreciates the information and feels it is worthy of discussion. Mayor Bradley stated there is a group locally, Feral Cat Friends of Mount Joy, on Facebook that is trying to work on a spay/neuter/trap/release program. Chief Goshen reached out to other Chiefs and they, too, are not getting any cat complaints. The consensus is no police department is equipped with a facility to hold cats for any length of time. Councilor Fahndrich will reach out to that group to get more information.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### EMS Service Contracts

Borough Manager Pugliese stated that he only received one comment from Council regarding EMS. There is a letter from the Solicitor dated June 30, 2021, at the bottom of page 4, where she makes a recommendation. He will reach out to Council again for final comments and bring the list to the next Council meeting.

Mayor Bradley hopes that somewhere in the Agreement there will be some level of understanding of how the use of the units will be used; emergency vs. routine, etc., what are the types of things we are looking for and how to avoid the past

pitfalls. He would like to have both sides sit down and work out the details before going to the Solicitor.

Scott Buchle, Director, Penn State Health Life Lion, LLC loves the idea of working it out locally before reaching out to the attorney and solicitor. He said that letters are being sent out the next day to all of the skilled nursing facilities that SVEMS has contracts with. The contracts they have are not transferable; no transferable language so Penn State Health Life Lion, LLC does not inherit them. Eight of the nine nursing facilities have a 'thirty day out clause', with one having a 'ninety day out clause', so Penn State will be doing routine transports for the next thirty days and one nursing facility for the next ninety days. He is anticipating a push back from the facilities. He wants to know what the Borough's service expectations are and is willing to sit around the table to discuss and come up with a plan that both organizations can agree to. He thanked the Borough for the building and explained that it will be staffed as an ambulance station and utilized as a training facility. He explained that all EMS around the country are understaffed and SVEMS was grossly understaffed. They are not requesting money at this time, but it may come up in years to come with all of the municipalities because it is getting harder and harder to do this business. Smaller organizations are failing. The agreement that was given to the Borough is a standard template given to all municipalities; some municipalities sign it as is; others make changes. He explained that SVEMS was an asset acquisition. The board will be disbanded. At 12:01 on August 1, 2021, Penn State Health Life Lion, LLC will take over. All units will be rebranded, temporarily on Saturday afternoon. He explained the three phases of community involvement, which not only will a unit come, but so will Life Lion and once the hospital is open, may bring other Penn State health resources to the table, i.e., blood pressure checks, screenings, etc. The three phases are 1. municipal events will be free of charge (including the MSMJ events); 2. Committed standbys will incur a per hour fee, except for Four Diamonds Fund and Children's Miracle Network as they are benefitting the Children's Hospital; 3. School events, i.e., football games or church events will incur a fee, but they try to discount those rates as there is some leeway. All of those arrangements will be handled by Adam Marden who will continue as an Operations Manager for Lancaster County with Penn State Health Life Lion, LLC. Mayor Bradley thanked Scott Buchle for his transparency.

Adam Marden, Operations Manager for SVEMS, started his career with Mount Joy/Rheems EMS when he moved here from New York and understands the Mayor's concerns regarding the five-year-old. The incident referenced was from a couple of years ago, was not malicious but a total miscommunication and all parties were appropriately written up. The unit was between 741 and Landisville and not on 283. She was never told to cancel another unit that was closer. He

wanted to assure the Committee that he, too, is very transparent and will and attend these meetings.

#### Springville Road Traffic Congestion

An email complaint was received from a resident to the Borough Manager regarding Main Street and Springville Road. Parking is permitted on both sides of Springville Road, which reduces it to one lane for traffic. Mount Joy Gift and Thrift directs their exit traffic onto Springville Road. Chief Goshen made a couple of suggestions; designate both sides of Springville Road 'no parking' as it is only 26 feet wide or erect 'no parking' signs on both sides of the street at least up to Cedar Street, which would probably be most appropriate. It drops to 18 feet wide before Cedar Street (after Gift & Thrift). Chief Goshen measured the impact of parking on one side of the street and doesn't feel it will work, as there will always be a line-of-sight issues. Standard lane width is 10-12 feet. One resident has garage parking and the other resident has permission to park in the Gift and Thrift parking lot, which we would need to confirm before doing anything. Mayor Bradley feels that we should have parking on at least one side the street; consider allowing parking on the east side; disallow parking on both after Cedar Street. After discussion, Councilor Eichler made a motion to move to full council that we restrict parking on Springville Road from Main Street to Cedar Street on the west side, seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Motion carried unanimously.

#### MSMJ Trick or Treat Road Closure Request

Request received from MSMJ for road closure for Trick or Treat on October 22, 2021 from 4:30pm to 8:30pm. We have never closed the streets before for this event however it has grown instrumentally from 200 to 1000+. The closure request is for Main Street from Marietta Avenue (town clock) to Market Street. Due to the number of attendees last year, Mayor Bradley feels the entire route should be closed, Main Street from Marietta Avenue to New Haven Street, with heavy equipment blocking both ends. Chief Goshen said the TE300 is already done but can be altered. Councilor Eichler made a motion to move to full Council the event road closure request for October 22, 2021 from 4:30pm to 8:30pm for Main Street closure from New Haven to the intersection where the town clock is at Marietta and Delta Street and Henry Alley to Main Street and direct pedestrian traffic to the south side of Main Street and Marietta to the light at Barbara Street to cross, seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Motion carried unanimously.

#### MSMJ Winterfest Road Closure Request

Request received from MSMJ for road closure for Winterfest on December 4, 2021 from 1pm to 9pm. Mayor Bradley would like to have heavy equipment blocking both ends and Marietta Avenue. Dave Schell, MSMJ will reach out to Dennis regarding the equipment. Chief Goshen stated that the TE300 is already

done for this event. Councilor Eichler made a motion to move to full Council the road closure request for December 4, 2021 from 1pm to 9pm for Main Street from Market to Barbara Street, Delta Street from Henry Alley to Main Street and Marietta Avenue from Main to Sassafras Alley be closed for the annual Winterfest event, seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Motion carried unanimously.

#### No Trespassing Letter

Provided in the packet is a No Trespassing Letter. Chief Goshen would like to issue this letter to offenders on Borough property. By issuing the no trespass letter to the offender, it changes it from a simple trespass to a defiant trespass. When they violate it after they have been given the letter it becomes a misdemeanor and if they repeat the same violation, it becomes a felony. We have a particular individual in the Borough who is committing quality of life offenses that don't rise to the level of misdemeanor or felony to where he is facing jail time. This letter is a way for a municipality to have an individual be prohibited from having access to a particular area. Also, an authorized representative from the municipality would be designated as the issuer of the letter and who would go to court to speak to the will for the issuance of the letter. Chief Goshen would like the Borough Manager to be the representative to sign the letter for expediency purposes. Joe Ardini has the same letter that he will be using on behalf of the Water Authority. Councilor Eichler questioned how the letter would be gotten to the offender. Chief Goshen would prefer it to be presented at the preliminary hearing. If that cannot happen, Chief will reach out to the Probation Officer who can issue the letter. He tries to use a court officer. Mayor Bradley agrees that for expediency purposes, the Borough Manager would be the appropriate designee, however would like the Borough Manager to check with the Solicitor on who should sign the letter. Councilor Eichler made a motion to move to full Council the Letter of No Trespass; seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD**

Josh Deering, 33 Frank Street, inquired on a local level what can be done about fireworks. They occur nearly every weekend. Chief Goshen encouraged Josh Deering or any other resident to call; can be a quality-of-life issue. The police will educate and possibly cite the individual if it is occurring within 150 feet of a structure, or could possibly be charged with disorderly conduct or criminal mischief. The other option is to consider outlawing fireworks in the Borough.

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

Councilor Eichler inquired on the status of park regulations and whether or not fishing made it through. Public Works will be coming back to Council with the final version.

Councilor Fahndrich asked about the thirty-minute sign (two spaces) in front of The Craft Factory and whether or not any other sign will be put in its place. Councilor Eichler made a motion to move to full Council the removal of the thirty-minute parking sign located at 206 East Main Street as per the ordinance, seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Motion carried unanimously.

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

An Executive Session was not held.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 20:46 Hrs. Councilor Eichler made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by Diana Ellis