

## **Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes**

**November 22, 2021**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by Councilor Fahndrich at 18:31 Hrs.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

A motion to adopt the Public Safety Committee Meeting Agenda for November 22, 2021 as presented was made by Councilor Eichler, seconded by Councilor Castaldi. Motion carried unanimously. Agenda has been adopted as presented.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

No public input.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion to approve the Minutes for the October 25, 2021 Public Safety Committee Meeting was made by Councilor Castaldi, seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion carried unanimously. Minutes have been approved as presented.

### **FDMJ REPORT**

Councilor Eichler reiterated the need for attendance by representatives of Fire, EMA and PSH at Public Safety Committee meetings.

FDMJ Chief Gohn was in attendance, apologized for being late; thought meeting was at 7pm. His report is attached to the packet. It was noted that since Monday nights are their training nights, we can adjust the Agenda so someone is able to attend both the Public Safety Committee meeting and their training meeting. Chief Gohn discussed burnout and the aging membership. Since it is a volunteer organization, many have fulltime jobs. Members per call is reduced/limited staffing. On a 4pm to 6am shift we have about 8-10 members available out of 40 active members, fluctuates due to vacations, time of the year, sports, etc. The station numbers are: Columbia Borough is 80, Maytown is 79, Mount Joy Borough is 75, Elizabethtown is 74, Rheems is 70, Hempfield is 69, Rohrerstown is 67 and Manheim is 26. They sometimes get pulled to assist York, Dauphin and Lebanon counties. They are due to replace one of the engine

trucks in 2025; typically, they are kept 20 years at a cost of \$600-700K. Chief Gohn is expecting some members to retire over the next two to five years. Mayor Bradley asked for a breakdown of the membership of the active firefighters by age, and years of service, separate graphs. Chief Gohn had a conversation with Rapho Township Manager earlier this month and he mentioned that Warwick Township has a Fire Service Administrator that takes care of Lititz, Brunnerville, Brickerville, and Rothsville. This individual takes care of all of their preplanning, fire reports, grant applications, etc. that frees up a lot of time for the administrative fire fighters and officers. It progressed into being a paid fire chief and now is the Warwick Township Emergency Services unofficial fire chief. He was given a vehicle. We have a good relationship with Rapho Township because of the fire council and Mount Joy Township is going to start next year so all the fire departments in that municipality meet quarterly and go over finances, upcoming events, purchases, etc. You could include that in this meeting and Matt Kratz, EMA should be here for that. Mayor Bradley would like intermunicipal cooperation as it pertains to fire services, added to the next Agenda. Councilor Eichler inquired about what was the tallest commercial structure in the Borough – Pennfield now Cargill, and the tallest residential structure is the old shoe factory and the Nissley Chocolate Factory Apartments on Wood Street. Councilor Fahndrich appreciates everything the fire department does and thanked Chief Gohn for his reports.

### **EMA REPORT**

Matt Kratz was not in attendance; no report received. Manager Pugliese will reach out to Matt regarding his attendance and reports for future meetings.

### **PSH LIFE LION REPORT**

Adam Marden was not in attendance but his report is included in the packet. Manager Pugliese did note that in the report there were a couple of missed calls due to shift change and after his meeting with PSH he was told that shift change will occur at our building and routine transports should be cleared up in the near future. Councilor Fahndrich discussed that she has been seeing more of Northwest. Chief Goshen noted that Penn State Health pays more adherence to code 1, 2 and 3 protocols so they are responding very appropriately. Northwest is called in as a backup to Penn State Health.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **EMS Service Contracts**

Borough Manager Pugliese met with PSH and they had no issues with our list. They will evaluate the list and get back to him. He will follow up with PSH if he hasn't heard anything in early December. He asked for clean-up of their report. Overall, it was a good meeting. Councilor Fahndrich had some questions about the report and will reach out to Adam Marden for clarification.

### Parking

Councilor Fahndrich worked on it and distributed copies of the updated document and will scan/send via email to all the members as well. She took out the hearing based on last month's meeting. She questioned as to who is actually issuing the permit. Chief Goshen stated it should go to the Borough office. Mayor Bradley said that might require an ordinance change. Chief Goshen agreed that they need a valid registration and inspection sticker. She asked the committee members to email their ideas to her and she will bring everything back to the next meeting.

### Feral and Free Roaming Cats

Councilor Fahndrich has not heard back from anyone for the past two months. She reached out to Borough of Penbrook regarding their cat problem. Their Police Chief/Borough Manager explained that they are going to institute a do not feed ordinance and adopt a formal TNR program, which will require an ordinance change. He has been working with the Nobody's Cats Foundation who has been extremely helpful and forwarded the information to Councilor Fahndrich who distributed it to the committee. She reached out to the organization to see if someone could attend our December or January meeting. Councilor Fahndrich thought it would be interesting to see how a TNR program would work.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Consider a recommendation to release DTF allotted funds

Chief Goshen explained that it was time to consider releasing DTF funds to Lancaster County. It is based on \$1.00 per capita or approximately \$8,400.00. Historically, Mount Joy Borough has funded DTF but passed on it in 2020. Discussion regarding the DTF ensued and the Public Safety Committee felt they should continue to withhold funds and fight the drug program on a local level. Mayor Bradley suggested that they change line item for the DTF to Drug Interdiction on the budget. Manager Pugliese stated that we would need a motion to change the line item before the budget is adopted. Councilor Fahndrich made a motion to move to full Council to consider renaming Line Item 410.500 from Drug Task Force Contribution to Drug Interdiction, seconded by Councilor Castaldi. Motion carried unanimously.

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

Brian Youngerman, West Ward, wanted to know the reason why the Public Safety Committee is considering a parking permit. Councilor Fahndrich explained that it was a proactive approach for when paid parking becomes instituted in the Borough if people choose not to utilize paid parking and go back out in the community, we have a process

in place. Mayor Bradley stated that the fact that parking permits can be issued in the Borough is currently in the ordinance, it is how are they issued and how are they determined that needs to have a process established. Mr. Youngerman urged this committee and Public Works to look at the Borough, consider painting lines, be creative in opening spaces and have less regulations. Councilor Castaldi felt that some of the restrictions actually add more parking spaces if done correctly. Mayor Bradley felt that the committee has gone through and removed/changed some signage and the majority of complaints he receives other than speeding is parking. He feels this will provide clarification.

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

Councilor Eichler inquired with Chief Goshen on the speed monitors on Lefever and Birchland. Chief Goshen explained that Lefever is very active while Birchland lacks volume. Councilor Eichler mentioned that he noticed that the railway siding by the Mount Joy Diner has been repaired but drivers are still swerving to the right. The repair was a follow up from Manager Pugliese reaching out to Norfolk Southern.

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

An Executive Session was not held.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 20:38 Hrs. Councilor Eichler made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilor Castaldi. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by Diana Ellis