

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present were: Councilor Fahndrich, Councilor Castaldi, Councilor Eichler, 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 January 24, 2022 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 December 20, 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

FDMJ Chief Gohn provided his monthly report which included his year-end report. There was a total of forty calls in the month of December. They average between forty and fifty calls per month. There were 535 calls year to date, compared to 455 calls the prior year. They had fifty-four members make at least one call. There were 243 calls during the daytime hours which is the hardest time to get help which represented about forty five percent and they average about five members during that time period. Busiest time of the day is 3pm to 4pm. The average response time was 4:32 for the year. The average time on the scene was 9:49 for the year. Training is up about one thousand hours. There was one fire fatality in Mount Joy Borough which represented fifty percent of the fire loss for the year. There are forty active firefighters and eleven active fire police. There are a number of departments in this area that do not have fire police so they are often asked to help elsewhere. They are going to have a membership

event in hopes of recruiting more firefighters. Borough Manager Pugliese offered the Borough's services to include the event information on the website. Mayor Bradley brought up that the strength of the FDMJ is that it is not a personality driven organization. People work up through the ranks and then step down from those positions but continue to assist with the department. Chief Gohn is working on the Volunteer Fire Relief Association Audit which is audited every two years.

The committee requested a five-year snapshot on call volume for next month.

EMA REPORT

Matt Kratz was not in attendance; no report received. Mayor Bradley requested that the Chairwoman reach out to the EMA Coordinator to relay the Borough's expectations of the position.

PSH LIFE LION REPORT

Adam Marden was in attendance and his report was included in the packet. There was a total of fifty-six calls; twenty-nine Class 1, twenty-one Class 2 and six Class 3 calls. The busiest day was Friday and the busiest time of the day was 1800 Hrs. Their response time was 7:50. There were twenty missed calls in the month of December but not due to routine transports. There was discussion about being called out; responding and then cancelled. There is no policy on cancelling calls. Councilor Fahndrich requested that he indicate the missed calls on future reports. Waits at the hospital have been terrible. There is a lack of beds and staffing so they stay at the hospital with the patient until the patient can be addressed which leaves the Borough without coverage, but that is happening all over the United States. A new recruit academy starts next week, having a total of twenty people enrolled with twelve for this division. Due to the size of the class, lectures will be held at the firehall which he is thankful for. Academy recruits start at \$15.00 per hour with medical insurance and participation in the 401K plan on the first day. Adam thanked Stacie Gibbs for her help with the Square Street property. Overall staffing is better; high sixties right now. New hospital is slated for opening in October.

OLD BUSINESS

EMS Service Contracts

No update. Mayor Bradley asked Borough Manager Pugliese to speak to the issue of policy guidelines for cancelling very serious calls and not leaving it up to the judgment of the responding staff.

Parking

Councilor Castaldi looked into additional residential ordinances (Western mainline community/Chester County); clarified with the committee as to what our next step is. We are basically creating a new ordinance or amending an

existing one. Councilor Fahndrich's impression is that we are creating a process. Mayor Bradley stated that PennDOT is not providing any additional guidance to us. They spoke with Borough Manager Pugliese about four months ago and said they are putting in paid parking in their two lots. Councilor Eichler inquired on how Elizabethtown and Middletown were handling their parking now that their stations are completed. Borough Manager Pugliese will reach out to Elizabethtown Borough to see how their parking is evolving. Chief Goshen is interested in how Lancaster and Harrisburg deal with parking since trains run through their cities like it does in Mount Joy Borough. Mayor Bradley recommends we move forward with residential parking through ordinance change, publish a procedure or some combination of both. Councilor Fahndrich will resend the document and include Councilor Castaldi's work as well. Mayor Bradley would like a working document for the next meeting. Chief Goshen feels that we have the procedure on how to address it, just need to incorporate it into the ordinance, and have the document reviewed by the Solicitor.

Feral Cats

Councilor Fahndrich made additional calls and everything comes back to adding something to the ordinance, community education or both. Mayor Bradley feels we need more than community education as unvaccinated cats spread disease, cause bird kill, etc. It is an invasive species. He feels government has a role. There is no solution; just need to mitigate the problem. There are advocates on multiple sides of it; feels there is a middle ground that includes a trap/neuter/spay process. Chief Goshen stated that Manheim Township has a lengthy ordinance that incorporated all animals into their ordinance. Councilor Fahndrich will circulate ordinances for Lower Allen and Manheim Townships, in addition to state legislation affecting community feral cats. Councilor Castaldi feels we could take our dog ordinance and replace it to include all animals.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Paula's 5K Race – April 23rd
- b. Make-A-Wish Cornhole Tournament - April 29th & 30th
- c. Mount Joy Memorial Day Parade – May 28th (TE-300)
- d. MSMJ Art & Craft Festival – June 11th
- e. MSMJ Car Show – July 23rd (TE-300)
- f. MSMJ Blue, Brews & BBQs - September 23rd
- g. Fall Fest/Downtown Trick or Treat – October 22nd (TE-300)
- h. Winterfest – December 3rd (TE-300)
- i. Resolution Request for 2022 Banners (Kraybill, Library, DHS Graduation)
- j. Multimodal Grant Discussion

Chief Goshen reviewed Items a-i for discussion. He needs Council to approve the closing of the roads (marked with TE-300) and a resolution for the banners (Item i). Local street closures of more of an advisement.

The Memorial Day Parade is a 501C as noted by Dave Schell, and is being headed up by individuals with the help of the Rotary Club.

Mayor Bradley questioned permits for these events, referencing ordinances 176 and 255 and all individuals need to complete/submit permit for items a-h. Chief Goshen to look at the permit ordinances as this has never been done before.

Councilor Eichler made a motion to move to full Council Items 10 c, e, g and h which require TE-300 for approval, seconded by Councilor Castaldi. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Fahndrich questioned what streets would be closed for Items 10 a, b, d and f. Item a - Market Street between Main and Henry; Item b – Delta Street; Item d – Delta and Henry Streets and one borough parking lot; Item f – possibly Delta Street pending a band.

Councilor Castaldi made a motion to move to full Council for discussion, Items 10 a, b, d and f, pending submission of permits, seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Bradley indicated that EMA should receive a copy of the permits for these events.

Borough Manager Pugliese to reach out to Columbia Borough for a copy of their permitting process for assemblages and forward to the committee.

Mayor Bradley asked Councilor Eichler to forward a copy of the form that Fish and Boat uses to the committee.

Regarding Item 10i, Chief Goshen stated we do have banner applications for all of them except DHS Graduation since it is owned by the Borough. One concern is that the Library and Graduation dates overlap. He wanted guidance from the committee on whether the Graduation banner should go up. Last year was the first year it was used and the dates interfered slightly with the Library sale. The Library dates are June 1 -13, 2022. Tentatively, graduation is scheduled for June 3, 2022 but it is not necessarily a fixed date. We could take the Graduation banner down on June 4, 2022 and put up the Library banner. Discussion about possibly hanging the banner on the Borough building so they can be hung simultaneously; no decision made. Councilor Castaldi made a motion to move to full Council the resolution request for Kraybill and Library banners, seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion carried unanimously.

Regarding the Multimodal Grant, Borough Manager Pugliese resurrected the previous plans and Mayor Bradley pointed out that we may have missed one of the roads that should be there; crossing Marietta Avenue at Main Street. Borough Manager Pugliese spoke with the Borough Engineer and they are going to go out and walk this to see what can be done. Mayor Bradley stated that Delta Street was not part of the initial conversation. The whole impetus for this application started with the intersection at Marietta Avenue and Main Street and is a dangerous intersection. Perhaps they can relocate the Delta Street crossing that is in the plan to Main/Marietta, if it can be effectively placed in that crosswalk. The next phase would be a survey, looking at right-a-ways, bus shelters, number of highway occupancy permits needed, etc. The southeast corner lacks real estate to put two poles in. Each of the poles will have double sided signs. Borough Manager Pugliese thinks he will have a better idea at the end of next week as to what we can do.

PUBLIC INPUT

Bruce Haigh, Delta Street, West Ward expressed displeasure in receiving duplicate reports. He does not feel it is necessary to include the Chief's monthly report in the council packet and if there is no compelling reason to include it, the report should be removed. The information is included in another report provided by Assistant Borough Manager, Jill Frey. After discussion, it is the consensus of the committee, to withhold the Chief's report.

He reviewed the Auditor General's report as it relates to the Volunteer Fire Relief Association and there is no guidance on equipment inventory as it relates to the fire department. He feels Chief Gohn is doing a super job.

Dave Schell, MSMJ, mentioned the Make-A-Wish Convoy on Mother's Day weekend. No permit needed.

ANY OTHER MATTER PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Councilor Eichler followed up about the pedestrian walk/don't walk light on the northwest corner of Angle and Main Streets and Chief Goshen stated it was working.

Borough Manager Pugliese stated we have a handle on the COVID outbreak within the Borough but he will be discussing a protocol at staff meeting tomorrow with the department heads and will be asking Admin and Finance to put it on the Council to have five days of quarantine. He has 140 home test kits coming for distribution to the staff.

Councilor Castaldi reached out to Dr. Martin of Penn Medicine for a possible community COVID update. He may need a host for the webinar if it comes to fruition.

Councilor Eichler will not be present at February 7, 2022 Council meeting, as he will be in Philadelphia.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS

An Executive Session was not held.

ADJOURNMENT

At 21:32 Hrs. Councilor Castaldi made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by Diana Ellis