

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Councilor Fahndrich at 18:30 Hrs. In light of the Coronavirus Emergency Declarations issued by the Borough of Mount Joy, the Governor of Pennsylvania and the President of the United States, this public meeting was held as a virtual meeting.

ROLL CALL

Present were: Councilor Fahndrich, Councilor Eichler, Councilor Castaldi, Mayor Bradley, and Chief Goshen. Also present was Borough Manager Sam Sulkosky.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the Public Safety Committee Meeting Agenda, as revised, was made by Councilor Eichler, seconded by Councilor Castaldi. Motion to adopt the revised Agenda carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the Minutes for the Public Safety Committee meeting held on July 27, 2020 was made by Councilor Eichler, seconded by Councilor Castaldi. Motion to approve the Minutes carried unanimously.

FDMJ REPORT

FDMJ Chief Gohn was not in attendance, however his report was forwarded with the packet. Questions can be addressed to him at the next Council meeting

EMA REPORT

Matt Kratz was not in attendance; no report received to date.

SVEMS REPORT

Captain Blanchflower was not in attendance; no report received to date.

OLD BUSINESS

Parking Issues

Chief Goshen explained that the parking enforcement detail will continue. Overall, it is going very well. He has been approached by four residents about parking permits. Each one was evaluated separately based on whether the property was conforming or non-conforming and how many bedrooms in a particular unit which is a determining factor in issuance of permits. One noticeable complaint is signage. Chief Goshen explained that the letter of the law stipulates that signage posted at the beginning of the block is enforceable for the entire block. He has reached out to Public Works Director, Dennis Nissley, who will reevaluate signage in the business district. Mayor Bradley would like to see robust signage especially for the visitors from outside the town. Mayor Bradley feels that in the event we need/want to add more signs, we should reconsider the verbiage on the signs. Currently the signs read two-hour parking from 6am to 8pm Monday through Saturday. Chief Goshen explained that he is tracking the hot spots, where the businesses are closed, and it is mostly residents being fined, especially those residents living above a business. Mayor Bradley feels we should get some input from MSMJ from a business perspective. Councilor Fahndrich has a MSMJ meeting Tuesday, August 25, 2020 so she will discuss with them about providing data on the businesses operating hours on Saturday. Mayor Bradley suggested changing the verbiage for two-hour parking from Monday through Friday 9am to 5pm, but in a quandary about Saturday hours or at least cut it off at 2pm, until we hear back from MSMJ. This will require an ordinance change. Councilor Castaldi concurs with Mayor Bradley with the suggested time change Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm, but open to Saturday. All Public Safety Committee members should consider changing the verbiage and bring proposals to the next meeting. Councilor Fahndrich inquired about Ms. Farcus' issue about parking. Chief Goshen spoke to her at length and did speak to the landlord/property owner, Mr. DeHoff, who was open minded about creating more off-street parking. He will get together with Staci Gibbs, Zoning Officer and Scott Lehman from PennDOT, because it is a state road, to review exactly where the driveway would have to be in order to add more parking on the southside of his building.

NEW BUSINESS

Release of Funds for the Lancaster County Drug Task Force

Chief Goshen's recommendation is to refrain from releasing the money. There seems to be a lot of internal problems with the District Attorney's office,

specifically with the Drug Task Force, but would like to reevaluate our participation next year once they get a business plan in place. The money is budgeted for next year should we decide to fund it; we did not get anything from them this year. He feels District Attorney Adams will get things straightened out but she just needs time. Borough Manager Sulkosky did not release the funds due to the contentious issue and thought he would defer it to Council. Chief Goshen said some municipalities release their money at the start of the fiscal year, paying for a service that hasn't come yet. He also stated that 35-40% have chosen to refrain from funding the Drug Task Force. Councilor Fahndrich made a motion to move to full Council Chief Goshen's recommendation to not release the funds for the Lancaster County Drug Task Force, seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion carried unanimously. Also, should we decide not to release the money, we should articulate the reasoning to the Lancaster County Drug Task Force. Borough Manager Sulkosky stated that the Lancaster County Boroughs Association and the Lancaster County Township Supervisors Association met last year with the incoming board and incoming District Attorney and one request we made was they felt the County should set up a line item for the funding mechanism for the Drug Task Force and it should be more fully supported by the County itself.

Preliminary Draft of Social Media Policy

Mayor Bradley felt it was important to bring this policy to the Public Safety Committee since Council has already taken up the topic of social media. It was clarified that not all policies will come before this committee. This policy protects both the agency and the Borough as a whole in the manner that social media can be addressed or released. It also stipulates virtual property rights which is important. Councilor Fahndrich made a motion to move the Social Media Policy to full Council for consideration; seconded by Councilor Castaldi. Motion carried unanimously.

Release of Funds for Ordering/Purchasing a New Police Vehicle

Chief Goshen requested release of funds to purchase a Dodge Charger. He spoke with Susquehanna Chrysler Dodge who stated that they will open up orders the first week of September 2020. The 2014 Interceptor Ford Fusion will be traded in and Susquehanna has agreed to offer the same amount of money as last year. The new vehicle will be a patrol vehicle. The vehicle Chief Goshen is using will also become a patrol vehicle once upfitted. He should be able to get the numbers down to where he can purchase a used vehicle for use by the Chief. Councilor Eichler made a motion to move to full Council the release of the funds per Chief Goshen's request for a new patrol vehicle; seconded by Councilor Castaldi. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

Councilor Castaldi noted on behalf of Kenneth Stafford of 627 Church Street his concern that the road grader (tar and chip) was throwing stones all over properties and porches. Councilor Castaldi spoke with Councilor Hall who was going to speak to the appropriate staff. He believes it is under control.

ANY OTHER MATTER PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Councilor Eichler thanked both Chief Goshen and Dennis Nissley, Public Works Director for moving the stop line on South Barbara Street. He feels it should correct the problem.

Councilor Castaldi questioned parking signage and if it is the same from one end of Main Street to the other.

Mayor Bradley feels we should create a timeline for the residential parking. He stated that the apartment building at the triangle comprised on Donegal/Marietta/Main is in the most immediate need of residential parking. He would like Residential Parking Ordinance Change added to next month's agenda. He'd like to put a mechanism in place for the residents and Borough officials to initiate the process.

Councilor Fahndrich would like the Public Safety Committee members to read and be prepared to discuss how we institute a method for the neighbors to create residential parking.

Mayor Bradley questioned the stalled process on the Marietta Avenue and New Haven project. Borough Manager Sulkosky said it had to do with water and storm sewer lines; they had to order different pipes; will restart the week after Labor Day.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS

Executive Session was not held.

ADJOURNMENT

At 19:45 Hrs. Councilor Eichler made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilor Castaldi. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by: Diana Ellis