

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2021

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: President Hall, Councilor Castaldi, Councilor Deering, Councilor Eichler, Councilor Fahndrich, Councilor Ginder, Councilor Reese, Councilor Ruschke, Councilor Youngerman and Mayor Bradley. Chief Goshen and Interim Borough Manager Casey Kraus were also present. At this point, a quorum has been established of the Mount Joy Borough Council.

SPECIAL MEETING – MOUNT JOY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The joint annual meeting of the Mount Joy Borough Council and the Mount Joy Community Foundation was called to order by Councilor Fahndrich. A point of order, after the Community Foundation meeting and one item on the Public Safety Agenda are done, Council members may leave if they wish to and the Public Safety Committee members will finish the rest of the Agenda. At this point, Councilor Fahndrich turned the floor over to Foundation President Rob Foltz of the Board of Directors.

The annual meeting of the Community Foundation was held with committee members Foundation President Rob Foltz, Councilor Ginder, Mayor Bradley and Carl Hackman present with the exception of Samuel Sulkosky. The first item to review is the financial report which was previously mailed. Northwest Bank in Mount Joy is the financial institution for the Board. President Foltz stated they primarily had two projects in 2020; Frisbee golf project and the Community/Aquatic Center. Only one project, Frisbee golf was completed due to COVID. All checks and deposits in/out of the account were all part of the Frisbee golf project. All assets/donations in 2020 were derived by contributions for the Frisbee golf project which was coordinated by Dave Christianson, a community member. The Foundation started the year with \$2850.00 and at the end of 2020, the balance is \$339.32. Contacts with members in the community; Donegal School, DCNR, Penn State Health System and Penn Medicine LGH, were made to get financial consideration for the Community/Aquatic Center. Penn Medicine LGH made a \$2500.00 commitment; Penn State Health System did not derive any contributions. We need to conduct a marketing/fundraiser feasibility study so we need to find a consultant

to carry that out. Since April 2020 and COVID, essentially all work has been suspended so we are unable to reach out in person. We are in a position in 2021 to work on the Community/Aquatic Center and other projects that the By-laws will allow us to entertain. The next item, according to our Bylaws, we have to reorganize every January and the Board met last week. Committee members Foltz, Councilor Ginder, Hackman and Mayor Bradley all agreed to remain on the Board for another year. Samuel Sulkosky moved away from the area and we are unable to reach him via email. Here are the recommendations from the Foundation to the Borough Council: 1. Recommend to move from five to seven members on the Foundation to increase community involvement (By-laws allow for up to fifteen), help with fundraisers and help with resources; need a total of three new members; 2. Realign the Secretary position on the Board and have the Borough Manager appointed as non-voting member and serve as Secretary (which the By-laws allow for); 3. Since we have no contact with Sam Sulkosky, the Council would need to remove him from the Board of Directors. President Hall questioned if the President position is an annual or rotating appointment. President Foltz explained all members would continue to serve unless they are removed or resigned; Secretary and Treasurer do not need Council approval; President position must be approved by Council annually. President Hall made a motion for Council to remove Samuel Sulkosky from the Mount Joy Community Foundation, seconded by Councilor Reese. Motion carried with one abstention from Councilor Ginder. President Hall made a motion for Council to have the Borough Manager be appointed as a non-voting member to the Board to serve as Secretary, seconded by Councilor Castaldi. Motion carried with one abstention from Councilor Ginder. President Hall made a motion to change from five to seven voting members on the Board, seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion carried with one abstention from Councilor Ginder. President Hall discussed that we now have three vacancies on the Board; open up to the community. Mayor Bradley proposed to add John Felix to the Board. President Hall made a motion to appoint John Felix (former principal of Donegal High School) to the Mount Joy Community Foundation Board; seconded by Councilor Reese. Motion carries. John Felix has been added to the Board. Councilor Reese made a motion to appoint Rob Foltz as President of the Mount Joy Community Foundation, seconded by Councilor Ruschke. Motion carries. President Hall suggests we get the word out and put a two-to-three-week deadline for interested persons. Those names are to be shared with the Mount Joy Community Foundation members. Appointments should be made for the March Borough Council meeting. The Mount Joy Community Foundation meeting concludes.

NEW BUSINESS – CHANGE IN AGENDA WITH COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Conditional Offer for Two Hires

Chief Goshen explained that we have two vacancies, but we only have one name to present a conditional officer of employment to, Michael Klock. He is 29 years old, married, hold two degrees, an Associates and Bachelor of Science from Penn State University. He lives in Hummelstown but is relocating to East Donegal

Township. He must pass five tests (psychological evaluation by a licensed psychologist; pass physical exam; pass polygraph or CBSA; pass drug and alcohol screenings) to be eligible for hire. Councilor Castaldi made a motion to authorize Chief Goshen to extend a conditional offer of employment to Michael Klock to join the Mount Joy Borough Police Department as a police officer, seconded by Councilor Eichler. President Hall made an amendment to the motion to extend the conditional offer of employment to Michael Klock if he passes the psychological evaluation, physical exam, polygraph or CBSA, drug and alcohol screenings; seconded by Councilor Reese. Motion as amended carried unanimously. Motion from Councilor Castaldi, as amended by President Hall, to authorize Chief Goshen to extend a conditional officer of employment to Officer Michael Klock to join the Mount Joy Borough Police Department. Motion as amended carried unanimously.

Councilors may leave the Public Safety Committee meeting if they wish to do so.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion to adopt the amended Public Safety Committee Meeting Agenda, with the addition of 10d (5K request), for January 25, 2021 was made by Councilor Castaldi, seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion to adopt the Agenda as amended carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

Karen McCrady of 315 Berry Street, Mount Joy, owns a business (Craft Factory) at 206 East Main Street, Mount Joy was questioning as to when the businesses would be receiving the signs/cones for curbside pick-up/delivery. Chief Goshen said this should be completed by Thursday of this week. Councilor Castaldi confirmed with Karen McCrady that he had a conversation with Karen and the salon shop owner next door that the thirty-minute sign was obsolete and that a two-hour sign would be more appropriate.

Zachery Moore, 30 West Donegal Street, Mount Joy reached out to Mayor Bradley and Borough council members concerning the Borough Noise Ordinance and its enforcement, specifically would like more police enforcement at the triangle of West Donegal Street/Marietta Avenue/New Haven Street. Councilor Fahndrich explained that this is on the Agenda and will be addressed under New Business.

Brian Youngerman, West Ward, questioned the thirty-minute slot and cautioned Council that the signage/traffic cones/restrictions placed on parking could actually reduce the number of available parking spaces. Karen McCrady explained that is just a temporary fix during COVID to assist the small businesses to continue to operate while offering a spot for pickup/delivery for evenings and weekends.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the Minutes for the Public Safety Committee meeting held on December 21, 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, he emailed his December and year end reports. Mayor Bradley emphasized that members of the Public Safety Committee and Councilors at large should look at the number of times the Fire Department is called to the Amtrak station for elevator malfunctions; almost a monthly occurrence.

EMA REPORT

Matt Kratz was not in attendance and no report received.

SVEMS REPORT

Captain Blanchflower emailed her December report but no one received it; will forward it again. There were seventy-three calls in the Borough; fifty-six handled by SVEMS; thirty six of the fifty-six were handled by MJ unit and seventeen by another company (Northwest). She thanked the employees that were out during the snowstorm. Crew reported to her that night that the roads were very well kept. Fire Department reached out to them to assist in getting them an AED until their pads for their AED come in, as they are backordered. Mayor Bradley asked for the reports to be sent to Chief Goshen in the future since he prepares the Public Safety Committee packets.

OLD BUSINESS

Residential Parking Permit Ordinance

Councilor Fahndrich worked on the proposed Ordinance and emailed a portion of it tonight. Discussion on whether or not we would hold a hearing for permit applicants. Mayor Bradley feels public hearing is appropriate, whether initiated by Council or by the public to request or remove a permit. Individuals would apply/present to Public Safety Committee first; committee reviews application and moves it to full council for hearing. Councilor Fahndrich will add back in hearing.

NEW BUSINESS

Conditional Offer for Two Hires

Discussion held earlier with Council members present (see 'Change in Agenda').

Noise Ordinance

Mayor Bradley forwarded an email from Mr. Zachery Moore, 30 West Donegal Street, Mount Joy regarding the noise ordinance and its enforcement, specifically in the triangle area of West Donegal/Marietta Avenue/New Haven Street relative to stereos and modified exhaust systems. Chief Goshen explained that the Police Department does enforce the noise ordinance. As far as the suggestions raised in Mr. Moore's email, while he liked them, some of them are against the law and not enforceable. We do enforce the stereo and Title 67 handles modified exhaust. We always try to educate before a ticket is issued. Mr. Moore's email was the first one initiated on the Noise Ordinance. Both Mayor Bradley and Chief Goshen sympathizes with Mr. Moore's concern and is very appreciative of the detailed email. Chief Goshen welcomed Mr. Moore to call him to further explain the issue, car(s) in question, etc. Mr. Moore indicated he would make the call as soon as he was able to do so.

Banner Request – Kraybill Mennonite School

The request was included in the packet. The benefit auction will be held May 7 and 8, 2021 with the banner being displayed from April 26 through May 9, 2021. Councilor Castaldi made a motion to approve and move to full Council Kraybill Mennonite School's request to hang the banner across Main Street. Motion seconded by Councilor Eichler; motion carried unanimously. This will be presented to full Council on Monday.

Paula's School of Baton 5K Run

The request was received late this afternoon. The Public Safety Committee approves it, but Public Works needs to approve the route and then it must go to full Council. Councilor Eichler questioned how the run will work with mitigation; possibly need staggered start times. Councilor Deering stated that everything is the same as two years ago. He doesn't believe any police involvement is needed. He brought it to Public Safety Committee so they are aware. Need to bring it to full Council in March for approval; race is in April. He explained that Pretzel City Race Company will be managing the race and are aware of COVID and social distancing protocols. Per Chief Goshen, with Pretzel City Race Company, all racers must start/finish with mask on. There must be a six-foot perimeter around each runner throughout the race. No hand-to-hand contact. They will no longer distribute water in cups; self-serve; bottles available. Mayor Bradley is not concerned with the route itself, but concerned about crossing 772, perhaps utilize Fire Police, and the starting point to allow for safe distancing. Councilor Fahndrich questioned what Public Safety's role would be and Chief

Goshen explained that Public Safety would be the security for the event since it is on public roads; will need to touch base with Matt Kratz. Dave Schell, MSMJ, will forward to Chief Goshen the state guidelines for spacing events under COVID regulations for the start of the race. Chief Goshen needs to talk to Paula and will bring back information to the Public Safety Committee. Mayor Bradley recommends that Public Safety utilizes the proposed plan and that we set the cap at what can be facilitated utilizing the guidelines of six feet apart. Councilor Fahndrich will add the discussion point of a possible cap for the Council meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

Brian Youngerman, West Ward, is interested in hearing about permit parking and what spaces are involved. He feels that as soon as you start adding limitations/signage, there will be less parking for everybody. Mayor Bradley explained that the Borough ordinance currently provides for parking permits. The current work of this Committee is to add a process.

ANY OTHER MATTER PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Councilor Fahndrich inquired if Dave Schell, MSMJ, had any questions/concerns/input on the parking cones. Dave Schell did not, but offered to assist as needed in distributing the parking cones.

Councilor Eichler inquired about a speed hump/concern about speed on Appletree Alley (behind St. Mark's) with the daycare. Chief Goshen stated that the police department is monitoring the speed in that area. Also, there are two stop signs that are very close proximity to the entrance and the signage and demarcation on the roadway are poor and will need some updating. One of the ways to slow people down is speed tables but there is more work to be done.

Councilor Castaldi offered some language that could be used in discussing the 5k event, 'the Public Safety Committee recommends the event if approved follows all public health and public safety guidelines.' That way it is broad.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS

An Executive Session was not held.

ADJOURNMENT

At 20:40 Hrs. Councilor Eichler made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilor Castaldi. Motion carried unanimously.