

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Councilor Fahndrich at 18:31 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 Castaldi, Councilor Eichler, Mayor Bradley and Chief Goshen. Interim Borough Manager Casey Kraus was also present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion to adopt the Public Safety Committee Meeting Agenda for February 22, 2021 was made by Councilor Castaldi, seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Motion to adopt the Agenda carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

No public input.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the Minutes for the Public Safety Committee meeting held on January 25, 2021 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 emails his report and attends Council meetings.

EMA REPORT

Matt Kratz was not in attendance and no report received.

SVEMS REPORT

Captain Blanchflower was not in attendance and no report received.

OLD BUSINESS

Residential Parking Permit Ordinance

Discussion on the Residential Parking Permit Ordinance to include: where do residents go...Public Safety Committee or ad hoc committee; initiate by public or Council; timeline for denial; how does it get removed; definition of a block; 75% of signatures would be needed for a block. Mayor Bradley asked Councilor Deering to send the definition of a block, which was established during the sidewalk debate, to Councilor Fahndrich to maintain consistency. Councilor Fahndrich will prepare a flow chart and attach current ordinance, Article IV Parking Regulations, Sub Section 25570 Residential Permit Parking and bring to next Public Safety Committee meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Banner Request – Councilor Deering

Councilor Deering completed the form as best as possible, as it is not geared to individuals for completion, but rather organizations. The request is to put up a banner congratulating Donegal seniors, which he hopes to do annually. To make it easier, Councilor Deering will donate the banner to Council.

Resolution Request for 2021 Banners (Kraybill, Library, Graduation)

Chief Goshen had a conversation with District 8 regarding banner requests. One of the proposals he would like to put before the committee is to put multiple requests on one document for the year. It appears that we have recurring ones annually, Kraybill and Library, and now Graduation. Instead of doing them individually, he would like to get an approval for a Resolution to put the three requests on one form and submit to District 8 with the Certificate of Insurance/Insurance Binder and then we would be good for the year. We can do up to two weeks, called a floating two weeks, so we can generally hit the time frame. Also, the timeline for banner requests has changed from eight weeks to three weeks. Chief Goshen has a generic Resolution already done that just needs to have the dates changed. Councilor Eichler made a motion to move to full Council a Banner Resolution be presented to full Council for approval with Chief Goshen's involvement and content of that Resolution in terms of the language for the Resolution and then it can just be amended from now on down the road; seconded by Councilor Castaldi. Motion did not pass; needs amending. Councilor Eichler amended the motion...a motion is on the floor to request to move to full Council a request for a banner resolution in particular, banners for Kraybill, Library and Graduations, specifically to be put into a resolution by the

language put forth by our Chief of Police. Councilor Fahndrich explained that we did not have a request from the Library yet and therefore cannot be part of the motion. Chief Goshen said the Library is working on it but the application isn't quite ready. Councilor Eichler reamended the amended motion...motion to move to full Council for discussion and approval a Banner Resolution prepared by Chief Goshen specifically for Kraybill and Graduation and contingent on its application submission, the Library, seconded by Councilor Castaldi. Motion carried unanimously. Chief Goshen will reach out to organizations annually, ideally in January, to see what their intentions are for banners.

Ammunition Sale

Chief Goshen explained that this agenda item (Ammunition Sale) is broken up with the next agenda item (Gun Purchase/Exchange). Currently we have in our storage thirty-six boxes of 40 caliber duty ammunition and he is entertaining two bids right now, Elizabethtown Borough because they still carry 40 caliber firearms that we would sell to them for \$26.00 per box or the Officer's Store, which offered \$9.73 per box. Ammunition has been backordered so this would be mutually beneficial. Market value is \$60.00 per box. The money will be utilized for the gun purchase. Councilor Fahndrich made a motion to move to full Council the sale of the ammunition to Elizabethtown Borough, seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion carried unanimously.

Gun Purchase/Exchange

We currently carry Glock 45 (9mm pistol); however, we have the wrong holsters for the guns which pose a safety hazard. We have two options; we can purchase new holsters at a cost of \$110.00 per unit or purchase new Glock 17 (9mm pistol) that is made for our existing holster. The new pistol will have grooves for a MOA sight, which we might entertain at a later date. To exchange the firearm, the deficit is \$97.40 per unit. By selling the ammunition it will offset the firearm purchase with no cost to the Borough; actually, we would be a few dollars ahead. Overall, it will be cheaper and more efficient to swap out the guns instead of purchasing new holsters. Councilor Castaldi made a motion to move to full Council to approve the Chief's request to engage in a gun purchase and exchange, seconded by Councilor Castaldi. Motion carried unanimously. Councilor Eichler made a motion to move to full Council to allow Chief Goshen to have the option of trading in the existing pistols or allowing the Police Officers to purchase the existing pistols at the trade in value for the purpose of purchasing new pistols, seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Motion carried unanimously.

PSP (Pennsylvania State Police) Municipal Service Charge

Mayor Bradley attended the Lancaster County Mayor Group. Discussion of the potential for a PSP municipal service charge. If the funding model would be adopted, the PSP would be funded by municipalities that do not have their own police force and municipalities that do have their own police force. Chief

Goshen explained Act 89 that came out in 2013, puts a cap on transportation funds going to PSP due to aging infrastructure. The Governor is trying to find other ways to fund PSP. Initially the proposal was to only charge those municipalities that did not have their own departments. The new formulary charges every municipality. If it goes through, Mount Joy Borough would incur a substantial charge, as the formulary equates to 24% of the Mount Joy Borough Police Department budget or \$34,677.87, based on 2020 census numbers with and a \$55K median income. However, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Scranton numbers appear to have been taken from their 2014 census. In talking with the soon to be the Chief of the PA Police Association, David Steffon, he feels confident that there isn't enough traction to charge every municipality. However, this funding issue will probably continue to come up, i.e., possible tolls on 81, 83, 30 and other highways. The Mayor wanted you to be aware of this and it would be advantageous for you to put pressure on our Legislators to voice our displeasure on being billed and that you don't agree with the formulary. If approved, it would create a funding source that we have no control over as they can change the formulary, change the median income because you will not be able to challenge it. PSP had closed budget hearings this year. The cost to fund PSP in Lancaster county is \$16 million. Currently they are the tenth largest police department in the United States. For regionalized police departments like Northwest Regional and Susquehanna Regional, many of the dollar amounts surpass what they currently contribute for regionalized police departments. For smaller forces, it may force them to sacrifice their local police and use only PSP because they cannot afford, in essence, two police forces. Councilor Eichler made a motion to move the discussion of the proposal presented by the Pennsylvania State Police for policing throughout the Commonwealth, including this Borough to move to full Council for further discussion, seconded by Councilor Castaldi. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

Josh Deering, 33 Frank Street, Mount Joy followed up with some discussion items from last month's Public Safety meeting regarding Paula's School of Baton 5K. There was a discussion at Public Works meeting earlier this month and you will be seeing a motion to close Market Street from Main to Marietta. Paula McAdoo is with the us tonight for any details that the committee might have. Chief Goshen questioned the number of participants. Paula McAdoo explained that in 2019, there were 225 participants and it was cancelled in 2020 due to COVID. There will be an option to do the race live or virtually. Paula McAdoo doesn't anticipate a large number of live participants. She spoke with Pretzel City Sports about possible staggered start times. They have COVID restrictions/protocol in place depending on the number of live participants. Mayor Bradley stated that Amtrak riders will need to be able to access the train station area. He also expressed concern about having runners cross Marietta Avenue which will require someone to monitor that area. Paula McAdoo may need to utilize fire police,

depending on the availability of the police department. Chief Goshen will talk to the fire police as there are ways to slow down the traffic on Marietta. He can put cones down the center line either direction for 100 feet; he can put an emergency vehicle with the lights on that will slow people down. We can maintain that intersection for an extended period of time to ensure people can cross without getting hit. She will email her Certificate of Liability to Chief Goshen. Also, because the race crosses Koser Road, Paula McAdoo is aware that she needs to reach out to the East Donegal Township Manager, Jeff Bummer. Paula to communicate with Chief Goshen closer to the race date once numbers are more solidified. Josh Deering reiterated the race date is Saturday, April 24, 2021 from 9am to 12:30pm with the road closure from 8am to 1pm.

ANY OTHER MATTER PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Councilor Castaldi inquired with Chief Goshen about the fire hydrant at 1038 Water Street. He heard that one of our officers has been at that location a couple of times. Chief Goshen is aware of the complaint. There are a couple of issues. Someone marked off parking spots around the fire hydrant, not just on Water Street but throughout the community. By law, the area must be free of vehicles within fifteen feet of the fire hydrant on either side. The Borough has not adopted the roadways yet so we are limited in what we can do, but we have begun speaking to the Manager of that area regarding parking in general. Chief Goshen explained that we are authorized and can use the International Fire Code for enforcement if the adoption of the streets takes too long, but the fines are very high.

Councilor Fahndrich inquired about how the temporary parking has been working out for the businesses. Chief Goshen said he heard some minor grumblings but no adverse traffic issues; moving very smoothly and helping businesses get their product out. Dave Schell said that it has been working well.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS

An Executive Session was not held.

ADJOURNMENT

At 20:50 Hrs. Councilor Eichler made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilor Castaldi. Motion carried unanimously.