

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2020

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 Williams. Also present was Borough Manager Sulkosky.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the Agenda was made by Councilor Eichler, seconded by Councilor Castaldi. Motion to adopt the Agenda carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

FDMJ REPORT

FDMJ Chief Gohn was not in attendance; report is sent electronically and is also attached.

EMA REPORT

Matt Kratz was not in attendance.

SVEMS REPORT

Captain Blanchflower presented report covering the month of January 2020. This report is the new format that they will be utilizing. There was a total of sixty-one calls in the Borough; forty-three were covered by the Mount Joy unit and eighteen were handled by

another SVEMS unit. Squads definitely helping out with coverage. Councilor Eichler is interested in the trend of calls during the day. Captain Blanchflower will do some research on the Class One calls (i.e. vehicular, CVA's) and will get back to the committee.

OLD BUSINESS

Main Street Parking

A meeting with PennDOT was held on February 11, 2020 to continue conversation about parking/parking availability. An agreement has not been signed yet. Parking in lots owned by both PennDOT and the Borough will incur a \$2.00 per day charge from 5am to 5pm. The lots owned by the Borough only (Henry Street, behind Sheetz Funeral Home and out back will be available for parking after 5pm until 5am weekdays, and on weekends with no charge. This would provide increased parking availability on weekends. Enforcement will be by our Police Department; PennDOT will supply training and equipment for the enforcement. Equipment will be universally agreed upon between Mount Joy, Elizabethtown and possibly Middletown. No timeline was given for the paid parking but hopefully by June. Discussion regarding costs in that PennDOT will cover 70% and Borough 30% of maintenance and enforcement hours; PennDOT will cover 100% of enforcement equipment. This paid parking may have a direct impact on the two-hour parking on Delta, South Market and possibly Donegal Streets. There was some discussion on residential permit parking. The Committee will review the parking study. Chief Williams will provide background information on Lancaster City's permit parking at the next meeting. It was also mentioned that Amtrak has added three extra stops in Mount Joy.

Main & Marietta Cross Walk Update

Councilor Fahndrich asked Borough Manager Sulkosky to reach out to Jason Buelly for an update. Also, Borough Manager Sulkosky will have Dennis Nissley of Public Works reach out to the Lancaster County PennDOT Manager about inspection of Donegal Street.

Left Turn Phase Criteria

Nothing new to report; all part of the 772 relocation.

Train Station Parking Technology

Chief Williams is waiting for an agreement. Secretary Granger would like another meeting with Chief Williams and Chief Cunningham after an agreement has been reached. Chief Williams is going to a demonstration at the Training Center on February 27, 2020 on a new license plate reader. It is different than the ones out now; interior mounted (no weather issues) and significantly less expensive (about half the cost of current models).

Make a Wish Mother's Day Truck Convoy

Chief Williams has not heard/received anything more since the meeting on January 24, 2020. Matt Kratz was to have sent out the ISP by the end of January; has not received it to date. Councilor Fahndrich will follow up via email to Matt Kratz regarding the ISP, cyber, and hazard annexes; will copy Mayor Bradley and Chief Williams.

MSMJ 2020 Memorial Day Parade Road Closure Request

Request for road closure was sent and permit is back from PennDOT approving the road closure. The first draft of ISP will go out by the end of this week.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief of Police Position Advertisement

The ad will close on Friday, February 28, 2020 at 17:00 Hrs. Emailed resumes must be time stamped and all mailed resumes must be postmarked by that date. We have received twenty-five responses to date.

PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

Josh Deering discussed crosswalks, left turn, etc. and the issues/concerns he has. He also asked about whether or not the Borough issues varmint licenses. He has a squirrel issue and has spent many dollars on removal from licensed professionals. Chief Williams has only signed a license/permit renewal that was issued to Brian Brubaker on behalf of the Borough Parks Department. There was training that Brian Brubaker had to go through. Chief Williams will research it.

Josh Deering brought up a concern about people turning left from South Barbara Street to East Main Street are cutting through Berkshire Realty lot to save time from the light. Chief Williams stated that there is a section in the vehicle code about crossing sidewalks to avoid traffic light.

ANY OTHER MATTER PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Councilor Dave Eichler, representing East Ward, discussed the area of South Barbara and Main Streets. When semi-trucks make a right turn on South Barbara from East Main Street, they don't have enough room. Consider extending the yellow curb another space or move the stop line back, closer to the cleaners.

Councilor Dave Eichler brought up the traffic light at East Main Street, turning left onto Lefever Street, doesn't appear that the driver is getting a left green arrow. Chief Williams will check into it.

Councilor Dave Eichler inquired as to who is responsible for the area at Columbia Avenue and East Donegal at Barbara Street as it is becoming an eyesore from people dumping old Christmas trees, cinder blocks, bricks, etc. Needs to be communicated to local Amtrak official about potential solutions.

Councilor Castaldi, representing Florin Hill, is concerned about the dirt pile behind Florin Hill. It is about half the size it was but it is attracting kids in the neighborhood which looks dangerous. He will email Stacie Gibbs to look into it.

Borough Manager Sulkosky said that the email from Jason Buelly was from January 23, 2020 and he said it was going to legal department; should get something document wise sent in thirty days.

Borough Manager Sulkosky said that he spoke with Richard Dean on January 27, 2020 regarding the bridge swap and they are still working on it.

Borough Manager Sulkosky mentioned that there was a nice article about Mount Joy in the February Borough magazine.

Borough Manager Sulkosky said that an appeal was filed on the NPS permit to the Environmental Hearing Board within the required 30-day period.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS

The committee went into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 20:01 Hrs. Executive Session ended at 20:41 Hrs.

Councilor Fahndrich made a motion to present to full Council a conditional offer of employment to Paul Cook. Councilor Eichler seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Fahndrich made a motion to accept the resignation of part time officer Gary McCrady. Councilor Eichler seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Fahndrich made a motion to send to full Council to rehire Officer Bret McFarland to fill the open part time position. Councilor Eichler seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

At 20:47 Hrs. Councilor Castaldi made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by Diana Ellis