

## **Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes**

**March 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 March 22, 2021 as presented was made by Councilor Eichler, seconded by Councilor Castaldi. 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 February 22, 2021 was made by Councilor Castaldi, seconded by Councilor Eichler. 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 received a call last week from Penn Township and Manheim Borough's Emergency Management about the Make-A-Wish convoy again for Mother's Day. There will be another parade like last year, but bigger, thinking about 100 vehicles. Matt was told that Mount Joy Borough already approved it, but Matt was not aware and wanted

clarification. If we are doing it, Matt will work on the traffic portion of the parade this week and will reach out to Chief Goshen to see what traffic control they are looking for or think we are going to need for the number of vehicles. Chief Goshen heard only 25-30 trucks would be participating, which would not meet the standard for a TE300 to be completed, and they could obey traffic signals and would be minimal impact to the Borough itself; probably 15-20 minutes. But if there will be 100 vehicles that would expand it even further. Mayor Bradley stated that if we do not shut down the streets, no approval from Council is needed. The parade is scheduled for May 9, 2021 at 1pm.

### **SVEMS REPORT**

Captain Blanchflower's report was provided in the packet. There were 52 total calls; 40 were handled by SVEMS; 12 by outside units. There were three decent snow storms in February and the road crew did a great job keeping up with the roads! They are starting a new EMT academy on April 12 and have ten to twelve candidates. You should start seeing them on the truck. Over the last two to three weeks, Mike Fitzgibbons has conducted in person interviews.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### Residential Parking Permit Ordinance

Councilor Fahndrich provided the committee with Exhibit 1 - 255-70 Residential Permit Parking section of the Ordinance; Exhibit 2 – Definition of a Block; Exhibit 3 – Order. Mayor Bradley felt the process was great. Also, in addition to it being resident driven, it should also provide for the Council the ability to initiate the process as well. It should be the same process to remove it. Paperwork would go to Chief of Police to make sure everything is in order and would forward to the Public Safety Committee. Public hearing would be held at the full Council meeting. Chief Goshen suggested that in Part 2, where it states 75% of the residents, not tenants, consider changing it from residents to property owners. Perhaps define what a resident is; what a property owner is. Councilor Fahndrich will make the changes and hopefully send it out by the end of the week.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Process for Declaring Snow Emergencies and Associated Responsibilities

Mayor Bradley suggested that we set up a new process to declare a snow emergency. The Borough Manager has the ability to declare a snow emergency on his own. Things to consider for the process: number of inches; how many hours ahead of storm; rescinding it; utilization of the swift call system. The swift call system is owned by Authority so we need to reimburse them if we use it. There are three different types of emergencies: Snow, State of Emergency, Health (i.e. Covid). We should come up with a process and put into the Borough

policy. Mayor Bradley suggested that Council direct the incoming Borough Manager to create a process for snow emergencies and associated responsibilities.

#### Bank Account for Evidentiary Monies Seized by the Department

Chief Goshen would like to place seized money in a bank account as opposed to keeping it in the property room. By design and by law, the account is not permitted to generate any interest and it would require two signatures for funds to be disbursed. We currently do a full audit of the property room annually. If someone passes, we make every attempt to return it to the appropriate person. If all else fails, it is returned to the Department of Treasury, Unclaimed Property. It is just another layer of safety he would like to institute and puts money where it belongs; in the bank, not in the property room. Councilor Castaldi made a motion to send to full Council Chief Goshen's proposal to establish a bank account for evidentiary money seized by the Department, seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Conditional Offer for Full Time Police Officer

Chief Goshen stated that the individual withdrew today so he doesn't have a name. Just prior to this meeting, the Civil Service Committee gave him permission to return to the list. We just had an academy class graduate that has approximately ten names on it that he hasn't been able to verify if they have been hired yet. He would like to continue to look for a candidate to fill that last opening.

#### Resignation of Part Time Officer

Chief Goshen provided the letter of resignation from Officer Vital in the packet. Councilor Eichler made a motion to move to full Council the resignation of the part time officer as submitted by Chief Goshen, seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Sale of Old Tasers

Officer Clark is responsible for firearms and less the lethal devices that we have. The old tasers that were taken out of service were never traded in or disposed of. They are approximately four to five years old and are of no use to us. Accredited Security buys equipment, refurbishes and resells to other agencies. The company is vetted by law enforcement. It is worth about \$1,000. Councilor Eichler made a motion to move to full Council, to allow Chief Goshen to sell the tasers that have been retired by this Department to the company mentioned, seconded by Councilor Castaldi. Motion carried unanimously.

**Banner Request for Donegal Graduating Seniors**

Councilor Fahndrich read a letter accepting banner, Congratulating Donegal Seniors, from Councilor Deering. Chief Goshen needs the application and insurance information to send to District 8. A resolution to hang the banner needs to go to full Council for approval.

**Banner Request for Library**

Councilor Castaldi made a motion to move to full Council, the request for the Donegal Graduating Senior Banner as well as the banner request for the Library; seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion carried unanimously.

**Gus's Easter Sunday Dinner Donation**

Yanni from Gus' reached out to Chief Goshen regarding the upcoming free Easter dinner giveaway. They did it last year and are doing it again this year. He has already spoken to the fire police about redirecting traffic. NWRPD is aware as well. They will enter the rear of Gus' by the employee lot westbound via the shoulder and will need to exit east. Chief Goshen to send a note to the Fire Chief regarding the upcoming free Easter meals. He will also send an email to the Council members of the event since it falls before the next Council meeting.

**PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD**

None.

**ANY OTHER MATTER PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE**

Mayor Bradley discussed the marked increase of complaints on free roaming and feral cats throughout the Borough. He has received complaints from all three Wards. The Borough ordinance addresses dogs, but not free roaming and feral cats. They cause damage and health concerns, such as toxoplasmosis. He would like to see this as an agenda item next month. Councilor Eichler mentioned that he thought Helping Hands had a spay/neuter program at a cost of \$35-\$40. Councilor Castaldi stated the Florin Hill HOA mentioned the cat issue on numerous occasions.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS**

An Executive Session was not held.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 19:41 Hrs. Councilor Castaldi made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion carried unanimously.