

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Councilor Eichler, due to the absence of 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 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 Castaldi, seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion to adopt the Agenda carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

Josh Deering, 33 Frank Street, Mount Joy, PA inquired about the parking ordinance for large box delivery vans, specifically on Barbara Street within 200 feet north or south of the Barbara Street intersection, making line of sight and pulling out very difficult. Chief Williams will have the officers check into it, but to call in when the violation is occurring. Ordinance states that commercial vehicles are not permitted to park overnight on Borough streets.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

FDMJ REPORT

FDMJ Chief Gohn was not in attendance; report is usually sent electronically, however no report received to date. Mayor Bradley stated that they had changed some of their operating procedures during this pandemic but have lessened some of the restrictions for exercise and training reasons. He also stated that within the last month they have replaced the duty vehicle with Yukon style vehicle. They have been able to conduct training either online or at the training center using social distancing in order to keep up to speed with things.

EMA REPORT

Matt Kratz reiterated the Mayor's comments on the new duty vehicle and training at the Fire Department. When responding to medical assist calls, the Fire Department is using the squad with two people with the appropriate PPE. Application was sent in and COVID-19 invoices were forwarded to PEMA and he is working with PEMA to process them. Once account is set up, they will assign someone to our account who will review the expenses, however you must meet \$3400 threshold of allowable expenses for reimbursement, so not sure if we will be receiving any monies or not.

Mayor Bradley inquired about the CARES Act money. Matt has not heard anything official from Lancaster Emergency Management. He knows there is discussion on the county using some of their money to reimburse front line (fire, EMS, Police, EMA) as a 'thank you' to help offset some costs; nothing official.

SVEMS REPORT

Captain Blanchflower was not in attendance but Chief Williams forwarded the SVEMS report on Friday, May 15, 2020 to the committee. Councilor Eichler stated he was appreciative of the fine work that they do in the Borough.

OLD BUSINESS - DO

Main Street Parking

Have not received any additional information from PennDOT. Mayor Bradley made a suggestion that the committee might want to start working on, and not waiting for, the technology to get things prepared if we want to move in the direction of residential permit parking in certain areas of the Borough. We could gather interest level from the residents in the community about residential permit parking. Specific areas would be South Delta Street (between Marietta and Columbia) and South Market Street (from the bridge to Columbia) and the triangle area of Donegal Street.

Mayor Bradley recommends that we should begin looking at the ordinances, residential parking permits, look at what types of programs might work for the Borough so the research is done. We already had a parking study done and since we have newer members on the committee, we should disseminate the information to review. Mayor Bradley will communicate to Councilor Fahndrich since she is not here of his recommendation. Borough Manager Sulkosky forwarded the parking study to the committee.

Mayor Bradley questioned whether or not the new technology would accommodate permit parking with both the handheld and vehicle mounted

units. Chief Williams confirmed that if the technology gets approved by PennDOT, it will easily accommodate permit parking and we can geo fence the particular area and all residents in the geo fenced area would have to do is complete a form with vehicle make/model/license plate number. The information would be entered into the system and the technology will automatically pick up that that vehicles are permitted; no placard necessary; it is all driven off the license plate number. If they change vehicles, they would simply notify us and complete/update their form.

Mayor Bradley recommends that we task certain committee members to do some research with other municipalities that use residential permit parking on how it works with residents with guests; two-hour parking; how to address parking at the local parks. Mayor Bradley would like Chief Williams to change Old Business from Main Street Parking to Street Parking (parking permits/additional restrictions) on the next Agenda.

Main & Marietta Cross Walk Update

New pedestrian signs were discussed. We had applied for grant dollars through a couple different avenues for pedestrian improvements; one in conjunction with the train station project and one through the DCD Multi Modal Grant, which we did not get.

Left Turn Phase Criteria

Nothing new to report.

Train Station Parking Technology

Nothing new to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Transition of Patrol Vehicles

Oldest vehicle to become the new Chief's vehicle but needs to be upfitted but due to COVID-19 the company is restricted to three vehicles at one time. The push bumper and cage cannot be transferred so they will have to be purchased to fit the car. The light bar is fine; just need new brackets. The shelf in the back that holds all of the electronics has to be changed. The vehicle will need to be striped as well. The computer and the in-car camera system have to be installed as well. Hopefully the vehicle will be upfitted by June.

Neither Ford or Dodge have released anything for 2021 so at this point we cannot order a new vehicle; perhaps by July/August an order can be placed. Dodge Charger is the only sedan that can be ordered as most municipalities/boroughs/state police are moving away from sedans to SUVs. Ford Explorer PPV price is needed for comparison.

New Officers Sworn In

Two officers were sworn in; Paul Cook – full-time and Lori Vital – part-time. After swearing in, they immediately went to the range, qualified and were issued their weapons. Both used CSI as their RMS so they are familiar with the software. Officer Cook has begun working on his own with no issues.

PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

None.

ANY OTHER MATTER PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

The Public Safety Committee members expressed their thoughts and prayers to Councilor Fahndrich and her family during this difficult time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS

The committee went into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 19:28 Hrs. and ended at 19:44 Hrs.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Submitted by: Diana Ellis