

## **Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes**

**June 22, 2020**

### **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: Councilor Fahndrich, Councilor Eichler, Councilor Castaldi, Mayor Bradley, Chief Williams and Deputy Chief Goshen. Also present was Borough Manager Sulkosky and Council President Bill Hall.

### **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 May 18, 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; report is usually sent electronically, however no report received to date.

### **EMA REPORT**

Matt Kratz is still waiting for our PEMA contact to review our submissions.

The Make a Wish convoy has been rescheduled for August 16, 2020 per Penn Township's EMA. Matt will reach out to his contact to see if they will be going through

Mount Joy Borough or not. Chief Williams has not received anything on the rescheduled date. Borough Manager Sulkosky resent an email to the committee dated May 14, 2020 regarding the convoy.

As far as COVID, the Central Pennsylvania region, which spans eight counties, makes up about 33% of the new cases in the State. York County has been a hot spot. Over the last fourteen days, Montana, Hawaii and Pennsylvania have seen the least number of cases.

### **SVEMS REPORT**

Captain Blanchflower was not in attendance and Chief Williams has not heard from her.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### Parking Issues

Borough Manager Sulkosky sent another request to PennDOT last week. He hasn't received anything from PennDOT on the maintenance agreement. President Hall sent an email in April and was told that it was still with their lawyers. He will send another email soon as there is maintenance that needs to be done. President Hall also reached out to Steve Panko for an update.

Discussion continued from last month regarding train station parking, residential parking permit and its effect on the businesses and residents. Mayor Bradley would like the committee to have a folder of information from surrounding areas so if groups of residents come to discuss instituting residential permit parking, we will be well ahead of the curve and prepared for the discussion. Deputy Chief Goshen explained in the City of York they had to define the business district because mixed use can be problematic so that should be a consideration. Mayor Bradley does not feel the Main Street corridor will be a problem; it's the surrounding areas, especially Donegal Street. Councilor Fahndrich will reach out to the City of Harrisburg, Millersville and possibly West Chester for some input. Chief Williams and Deputy Chief Goshen will reach out to the Cities of Lancaster and York, respectively for information on residential permit parking.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Transition of Patrol Vehicles – Release of Capital Funds

Chief Williams' unmarked vehicle will turn into a patrol vehicle and we are at the point where we can schedule the upfit. However, the money is in the capital fund and he needs permission to use funds which he understands is on hold. The cost for the upfit for both vehicles is between \$5,000-\$8,000. It will take approximately six to eight weeks for the parts to come in and to schedule the upfit. All funds were frozen at the May council meeting per Manager Sulkosky.

The trade in will become the new Chief's vehicle. Councilor Castaldi made a motion to move to full council to consider releasing capital funds necessary to transition Chief Williams' current vehicle to a patrol vehicle subject to Chief Williams providing an estimated figure. Councilor Eichler seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

#### New Chief of Police Sworn In

Deputy Chief Goshen was sworn in on June 15, 2020. He has had one week of training. At this point, Chief Williams' last day is June 30, 2020 at 1500 Hrs and Deputy Chief Goshen will be sworn in as the new Chief of Police at that time. Mayor Bradley will facilitate the transition with both Chief Williams and Deputy Chief Goshen. A ceremony to honor Chief Williams and his service to the Borough will transpire at a later date.

#### Twisted Bine Request to Close North Barbara Street

A request came via email to both Stacie Gibbs and Dave Schell requesting permission to shut down North Barbara Street for a night or two a week for their food truck or placing the food truck directly in front of their business, as their kitchen will be down for a period of time. Discussion regarding the concerns for public safety and inconvenience if North Barbara Street was blocked. Deputy Chief Goshen expressed his concern if other restaurants ask you for the same thing and how accommodating we are going to be, particularly when the only area they have accessible to them is Main Street. Borough Manager Sulkosky has an issue with blocking off the sidewalk on North Barbara Street as that is used heavily, however they do own some portion of the sidewalk for outside seating on Main Street. Chief Williams clarified that it was North Barbara Street, not the sidewalk that they wanted to block. Mayor Bradley does not feel you can shut down North Barbara Street due to the massive inconvenience and suggested parking the food truck in the stoned area out back. Councilor Fahndrich made a motion to move to full council Twisted Bine's request to close North Barbara Street for a night or two a week; Councilor Eichler seconded the motion. Vote taken; one opposed; ayes have it. There was confusion on the motion and after further clarification, Councilor Castaldi made a motion to reconsider Twisted Bine's request to close North Barbara Street for a night or two a week; seconded by Councilor Eichler. Vote retaken and the nays have it. We are not moving this to full Council but Councilor Fahndrich will reach out to the involved individuals expressing the committee's willingness to help and hope to come up with another option. Also, they would need to purchase a vendor permit for the food truck to be placed on the street. Deputy Chief Goshen will be copied on the correspondence.

#### Proclamation Presbyterian Church Sign Request

A request for signage came via email to Dave Schell for directional signs to be placed at or near the intersection of Angle and Main Streets. The signage they requested is not allowed with the current ordinance. If we want to allow, it would have to be moved to full Council. Stacie Gibbs requested further clarification on June 17, 2020 but had not received anything additional from them as of this meeting. Chief Williams stated that signage is not allowed on utility poles, such as light or telephone, or any other permanent poles. Mayor Bradley suggested that they attend the next meeting to provide more information and show the signage. The request has been tabled but will keep it in this committee. Councilor Fahndrich will reach out to the Church.

#### 'Click It or Ticket' Seat Belt Enforcement Results

Chief Williams provided a spreadsheet of the results of the 'Click It or Ticket' program. There were seventy-two vehicle contacts and issued twenty-four seat belt citations, however they were not the only citations issued during this timeframe. We have a grant for this program and are reimbursed completely for this detail. Councilor Fahndrich expressed her thanks to Sergeant Drexel for all of his work on this program.

#### Radio Purchase from Manheim PD

Currently each officer has his own radio and we have two additional radios (one used by the part time officers and one spare radio). We have one radio in for service right now. Manheim PD just purchased all new radios and they are going to request permission to sell them at a cost of \$400 per radio. Chief Williams is looking to purchase four to five radios from Manheim PD so we have a bank of spares. Used radios from Realm cost between \$1100 to \$1400 per radio; new radios cost between \$3600 to \$3900 per radio. Chief Stauffer said that the radios all have new batteries, functioning properly have been checked out by Moyer. Our current radios are 6.5 to 7 years old, as are the ones that Manheim PD is selling. We did not allocate any funds for this purchase but will review the budget for funds. Councilor Eichler made a motion to move to full Council for the police department to purchase up to five radios, at a cost of \$400 each from Manheim PD be authorized if funds can be found. Motion seconded by Councilor Castaldi. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Pinkerton Road Truck Traffic

Mayor Bradley has received multiple complaints about the truck traffic on Pinkerton Road and Marietta Avenue that large trucks are utilizing Pinkerton Road and one of those trucks hit a porch roof. PennDOT has some redundancy in heavy truck traffic signage. As this construction continues, we may need to limit truck traffic on Pinkerton Road, possibly re-direct the traffic to New Haven as has been done in the past. Deputy Chief Goshen said this issue is twofold; needs sign at the high school, specifically at Union School Road and force the

truck traffic to come down Angle Street to Main Street. Then as far as enforceability, any trucks coming via Pinkerton Road, get stopped. Mayor Bradley stated that the signage at Union School is contradictory. Mayor Bradley to work with Deputy Chief Goshen to get a point person to reach out to PennDOT for alternate signage as it is ineffective and unclear. Councilor Fahndrich suggested further discussion on eliminating truck activity on that section of Pinkerton Road.

### **PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD**

None.

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

Councilor Eichler brought up the issue on South Barbara and Main Streets, which he brought up at the February 24, 2020 meeting. Chief Williams will arrange to meet with Councilor Eichler at the intersection to discuss the issue.

Councilor Fahndrich brought up residents parking on Main Street in the downtown district. Chief Williams was having his staff enforce the parking ordinance and then COVID happened. Now that the businesses are open, the police department will resume monitoring the parking in the downtown district. Businesses should emphasize that their employees should not park in front of their business or any other business, and they should call the police department with any parking problems so they can be addressed. It is not a Main Street Mount Joy problem.

Relative to protests in the area...Mount Joy had one individual in his vehicle playing loud music for approximately forty-five minutes outside the police station.

Elizabethtown had two protests, two Saturdays in a row. The first protest had approximately three hundred protesters with one agitated person, looking for a photo op. The second week had approximately seventy-five protesters with no problems.

Manheim had one protest that blocked traffic on the square for a little over eight minutes (08:43), with no major problems.

Lititz had two protests, two weekends in a row; one at Lititz Spring Park and the next week on Main Street, with no problems at either one.

Lancaster City had protests with the problems well documented. The people causing the problems were from out of the city.

Matt Kratz will send the list of upcoming protests from PEMA to Chief Williams and Deputy Chief Goshen.

Councilor Castaldi thanked Chief Williams for his service and welcomed Deputy Chief, Robert Goshen and looks forward to hearing more from him in the future.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS**

Executive Session was not held.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 21:08 Hrs. Councilor Eichler made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilor Castaldi. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by: Diana Ellis