

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

July 25, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Councilor Fahndrich at 18:32 Hrs.

ROLL CALL

Present were: Councilor Fahndrich, Councilor Eichler, Mayor Bradley, Chief Goshen and Borough Manager Pugliese. Councilor Castaldi was absent.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion to adopt the Public Safety Committee Meeting Agenda for July 25, 2022 as presented was made by Councilor Eichler, seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Motion carried unanimously. Agenda as presented has been adopted.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the Minutes for the June 27, 2022 Public Safety Committee Meeting was made by Councilor Fahndrich, seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion carried unanimously. Minutes as presented have been approved.

FDMJ REPORT

FDMJ Chief Gohn was in attendance and reviewed his monthly report which was included in the packet. There was a total of thirty-five calls for the month of June with a total of 261 at the end of 06/30/22. The time in service was twenty-five hours and forty-two minutes. The average response time in June was 4:47 and the average arrival time was 9:45. Total man hours was 191 hours and twenty-seven minutes. They averaged ten members per call. There is an uptick in the number of daytime members due to some of the members being out of school right now. Thirty-seven members were trained for a total of 449 hours and zero minutes. They had two fire prevention details; one for the library lunch series and they had a home school class visit the fire station. They had six duty crews, two work details and one public service event. Thirty-nine members were trained.

EMA REPORT

EMA group did not meet since the last Public Safety meeting. ISP was completed for the car show. The personnel and positions always need completed at the last minute but there doesn't

seem to be a faster/easier way to do it as we don't know who is filling the positions until about one week prior to the event. Terminology continues to be changed in the ISP. The former EMA Coordinator's wife turned in his card and a thumb drive to Manager Pugliese, but we still need the radios and batteries. Council still needs to fill the EMA Coordinator position.

PSH LIFE LION REPORT

Adam Marden was absent but his report was included in the packet and if there are any questions, he is available via email.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Firearms & Other Weapons Ordinance Edit

Chief Goshen included the ordinance in the packet. He changed the language under subsection 130-5 – Violations and Penalties – regarding seizure of weapons and updated the fine amount, and if the committee was comfortable with the language to move it to full Council. Councilor Eichler made a motion that the presented edits of the firearms policy be forwarded to full Council for the meeting on August 1, 2022, seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

Josh Deering, 33 Frank Street, thought regionalization was going to be on the Agenda, based on the last Ad Hoc Building Committee meeting. Mayor Bradley reviewed past discussions (2014, 2015 and 2016) on regionalization, originally brought up in 2008/2009. Policing in Boroughs are very different than policing in Townships. It was requested that the discussion of regionalization of the police department be placed on the August Council Agenda.

Manager Pugliese will put this on Council's Agenda that it was discussed and the recommendation is that we keep the current model.

ANY OTHER MATTER PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Councilor Eichler questioned the Chief on what the police department's fuel budget looked like so far this year. Chief Goshen said he was close to being on par; has about a five percent cushion. He had used \$4.25 as the price in his computations for the budget. There was a brief discussion on hybrid police vehicles but they are very expensive to purchase and repairs are very costly.

Mayor Bradley brought up that we are headed into budget season. It was agreed that the committee would follow the same timeline as last year and start looking at the budget in September.

Councilor Eichler inquired about electric bikes, especially the E-3, and scooters and was concerned that they do not require a license and are becoming more popular. Chief Goshen explained that there are laws in place, but he will get clarification on electric bikes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS

An Executive Session was not held.

ADJOURNMENT

At 19:33 Hrs. Councilor Eichler made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by Diana Ellis