

## **Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes**

**July 27, 2020**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by Councilor Fahndrich at 18:34 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, and Chief Goshen. Also present was Borough Manager Sam Sulkosky.

Councilor Fahndrich passed gavel to Councilor Eichler to chair the meeting until such time that Councilor Fahndrich arrives back at her destination.

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

A motion to approve the Public Safety Committee Meeting Agenda, as revised, to include item 9b – Parking Issues, was made by Councilor Castaldi, seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Motion to adopt the Agenda carried unanimously.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

Natalie Farkas, 23 ½ Marietta Avenue, Mount Joy, PA, has been renting an apartment at that location since March. Recently, she has begun to receive parking tickets daily. She was instructed by her landlord to park in front of her apartment. Chief Goshen explained that this location was part of the downtown district which has a two-hour parking limitation Monday through Saturday, and parking enforcement rotation is in effect. He is currently studying other municipalities regarding residential parking within a business district. Mayor Bradley explained that he has received a number of complaints from the downtown district. The businesses felt that the posted parking was not being enforced. The owner of the rental property should provide off street parking for his/her tenants. Mayor Bradley requested that Natalie Farkas send him an email with her and the property owner's contact information. Mayor Bradley provided his email address. Once received, Mayor Bradley will review and follow up with Chief Goshen.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion to approve the Minutes for the Public Safety Committee meeting held on June 22, 2020 was made by Councilor Castaldi, seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. 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 was not in attendance; no report received to date.

## **SVEMS REPORT**

Captain Blanchflower was not in attendance; no report received to date.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Pinkerton Road truck traffic (rerouting SR 722 & New Haven/Main intersection, Marietta & Main Street pedestrian traffic

Mayor Bradley reached out to PennDOT about truck traffic issue and suggested removing the 'except local deliveries' portion of the signage as he has received multiple complaints from trucks driving onto personal property. PennDOT came out and did an onsite visit on Main Street. He gave them a series of recommendations, such as, in front of Old Square Inn, the sign board was placed just west of it in a parking stall notifying drivers of the detour; at Northwest Savings Bank, Main Street Mount Joy requested that they move the detour sign from the Twisted Bine and relocate it in front of the 772 sign in front of Northwest Bank and they took the pedestrian sign that was partially obstructed by the tree and moved it onto Main Street, and the sign that was partially obstructed was moved off the sidewalk onto Main Street at As the Crow Flies in a yellow no parking area so we could increase visibility. All signage has been updated. So that is step one. Mayor Bradley approached PennDOT about the area at the Pinkerton Road intersection there is an orange sign that says detour with a pedestrian figure underneath it. PennDOT said the purpose of the sign is for it to be a pedestrian detour sign. While driving it doesn't register that it is a detour for pedestrians. Mayor Bradley requested that they identify an alternate truck route. After discussion with Chief Goshen, it appears that trucks turning right onto New Haven Street would be much more feasible than Pinkerton Road for larger trucks. PennDOT is still working on it as to whether or not they can do the signage. They still have the street line work to do. Councilor Castaldi noted

that when you come into town, the changes that have been made are very clear and much improved.

Councilor Eichler passed the gavel back to Councilor Fahndrich.

#### Parking Issues

Mayor Bradley sent several ordinances (York, Harrisburg, Millersville, Kutztown and Mount Joy Borough) to the committee specific to permit parking. There are nice aspects in each one. York City's is extremely detailed as to the process of residential permit parking district from an implementation/removal process. Millersville's model details the streets and the verbiage on the signage is two-hour parking for anyone who doesn't have a permit. The other two ordinances are worthwhile to review as well as the Mount Joy Borough ordinance because there will be continued conversation on parking moving forward as there will be paid parking per PennDOT. Councilor Eichler appreciates the Mayor's efforts on this matter.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Banner Request – Milanof Schock Library

Banner request received from Milanof Schock Library was not timely as a TE-300 form must be filed with PennDOT, however they require a minimum of four weeks for approval, then it goes to the Public Safety Committee and to Council for resolution. The previous sale date (June 1-13, 2020) was approved; however, the TE-300 form has an expiration date. Chief Goshen to communicate to applying agency that the request is too late due to meet PennDOT's requirement. The library should consider hanging the banner at another location not over a state road. Borough Manager Sulkosky offered to post the sale on the Borough website and Facebook page.

#### Traffic Study – Barbara Street and Main Street

Councilor Eichler had expressed concerns previously about semi-tractor trailer trucks traveling east on Main Street turning southbound onto South Barbara Street. Chief Goshen completed/provided a traffic study with recommendations. After the committee discussed the analysis, Councilor Eichler made a motion to move to full Council, Chief Goshen's recommendation that we re-position the stop line governing northbound traffic on South Barbara Street at East Main Street from 21 feet to 40 feet prior to currently marked crosswalk and to realign sensor for traffic light governing this lane, if necessary, assuming light is equipped with this feature. Motion seconded by Councilor Castaldi. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Traffic Study – South Market Street

Chief Goshen received a request from Dennis Nissley, Public Works, for consideration to create additional parking spaces within a defined area. Chief Goshen completed/provided a traffic study for the committee. Chief Goshen's recommendation is to do nothing; keep as it is. The parking spaces allotted in the study area are within state guidelines and are maximizing the use of the allotted space. Councilor Fahndrich recommends that we follow Chief Goshen's recommendation and not take any action. Chief Goshen will notify Dennis Nissley, Public Works.

#### Community Development Block Grant Re: Tropical Storm Lee

Mayor Bradley discussed that grant money is available and whether or not we have anything that needs to be addressed. There are a number of restrictions on this grant; geared specifically to lower income properties that have been impacted by the flooding. Looking at properties that might fall into the category that have been impacted by repeated flooding is the building across from Hummer's Meats (business storefront on the first floor; apartments on the second floor). They have identified a couple of counties that are going to be given priority and Lancaster county is not one of them. Borough Manager Sulkosky checked with DCD and is trying to get determination from a low to moderate income criteria, whether or not we are eligible. We need to wait for the parameters. Eighty percent of the money is geared to certain communities and we are not one of them. Part of the money is going to Bloomsburg for a flood wall. He has not yet heard back so he does not have an answer tonight.

#### Proposed Budget Timeline

Mayor Bradley requested this to be placed on the Agenda for Chief Goshen to understand the Committee's timeline/expectations for next year's police budget. Needs/assessment budget must be gathered by August for discussion with the Mayor. Borough Manager Sulkosky said departmental meetings will be held in September; committee reviews in October; budgets to Council in November for meetings on November 5, 12 and 19, 2020.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD**

Josh Deering, 33 Frank Street, Mount Joy, expressed concern over aerial display of fireworks that are still going on well past July 4, 2020. He has had pieces of fireworks in his gutters, roof, etc. and wanted to make the Public Safety Committee aware. He did call the police over the weekend at 12:45am. Mayor Bradley noted the safety concern; however, it is very difficult to enforce. Councilor Fahndrich will check into the House's position and get clarity on the Senate Bill 932.

Natalie Farkas, 23 ½ Marietta Avenue, Mount Joy discussed how fireworks were handled at her previous address in the City of Lancaster, questioned the construction and

whether or not it was coming down Marietta Avenue, which it is not, and commented on the book sale. She also stated that the property owner will be calling Chief Goshen about having a variance in place.

Josh Deering discussed removing the meters a long time ago because no one wanted to feed the meters, and at the time, it was discussed that there would be parking enforcement.

Mayor Bradley thanked Ms. Farkas for her input and reminded her to send the contact information that was previously discussed.

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

The committee discussed another location for the Milanof Schock Library book sale banner would be at Gateway Park beside the Chamber of Commerce sign. It won't be above the street, but it is a very visible location.

Councilor Eichler brought up that Columbia was having a staged protest on Tuesday and wanted to know if Mount Joy would get a permit for a staged protest if we have provisions in place for assistance from other municipalities. Chief Goshen replied that we have reciprocity in place.

Councilor Castaldi followed up on Councilor Eichler's mention of whether or not Chief Goshen should be an agenda item and thinks the Committee should consider having a Chief of Police report.

Councilor Castaldi brought up that Councilor Ginder questioned our 'Use of Force' policy at the Council meeting. Mayor Bradley explained that we have aligned ourselves with an outside agency, Lexipol, to review all policies weekly. This process was begun long before the start of the current turmoil.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS**

The committee went into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 20:48 Hrs. and ended at 20:54 Hrs. No decisions were made.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 21:02 Hrs. Councilor Castaldi made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by: Diana Ellis