

## **Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes**

**September 27, 2021**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by Councilor Fahndrich at 18:31 Hrs.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Councilor Fahndrich requested to make a change under Old Business to move Feral Cats from item 'c' to 'a' and move the remaining items down as there is a guest at our meeting to speak on the subject. A motion to adopt the Public Safety Committee Meeting Agenda as revised by the Chair for September 27, 2021 was made by Councilor Castaldi, seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Motion carried unanimously. Agenda has been adopted as amended.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

None

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilor Castaldi noted that there needs to be a correction under New Business, Speed Tables, John Deering should reflect Josh Deering. Councilor Fahndrich made a motion to approve the Minutes for the August 23, 2021 Public Safety Committee Meeting with the change under Speed Tables from John to Josh, seconded by Councilor Castaldi. Motion carried unanimously. Minutes as amended has been approved.

### **FDMJ REPORT**

FDMJ Chief Gohn was not in attendance, however he emails his report and attends the Council meetings.

### **EMA REPORT**

Matt Kratz was not in attendance; no report received.

## **PSH LIFE LION REPORT**

Manager Adam Marden was not in attendance but report was submitted and is included in the packet. Councilor Fahndrich will reach out to Adam Marden about clarification on future attendance at the meetings.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### Feral Cats

Councilor Fahndrich welcomed Heather Grady from the Feral Cat Friends of Mount Joy Facebook page to report on what she has been doing and her thoughts and insight on the feral cat problem in Mount Joy. She started TNR (trap/neuter/release/return) in 2018 on Mount Joy Street and has done forty-two cats this year. She found the easiest way to do this is to feed the feral cat population and then let the neighbors know when she is going to trap them so they can stop feeding them so they will be hungry and she can lure them into the traps. She feels that this year she is seeing more social cats that were possibly pets at one time.

Mayor Bradley felt this was very informative and confirms his concern that Mount Joy has a big feral/free roaming cat problem. We know we have problems on Wood, Plum, Mount Joy Streets, middle of town in the area of the firehouse and other areas as well. He asked if she had any suggestions as a way to stave off this problem other than spay/neuter that might help us community wide.

Heather Grady said it takes responsible owners; possibly consider licensing cats like they do dogs and including something in the Mount Joy newsletter. When she started doing this, she came across Alley Cat Allies which is a feral friend's network so everyone on the list (provided) is within 25 miles and provides contact information on foundations that help fund spaying/neutering of animals and community catches. They do a lot of community education and help work with zoning laws. York County SPCA has vans that will come out and trap/spay/neuter/release back to the same area and they have drop traps that will get them all out at the same time. She doesn't know if Lancaster County SPCA has that same program. SPCA in York, also has a walk-in clinic open Monday through Wednesday with drop off between 8:00am-8:30am, one cat/person and pick up the following day at the same times, at a cost of \$15.00 for spay/neuter/rabies shot. She also suggested Pet Pantry's mobile vet clinic who can be contacted to come to any town to do spay/neutering.

Borough Manager Pugliese will reach out to Mountville and see how they handled the problem a few years ago.

Councilor Fahndrich will reach out to Alley Cat Allies to attend one of our meetings. She will also reach out to Pet Pantry (Millersville Road, Lancaster) to get on the spring list for a cat spay/neuter date.

Councilor Castaldi will reach out to local vets to describe the Borough's situation and see if they have any resources/suggestions to offer.

The committee thanked Heather Grady for all of her work on this problem and for coming to the meeting tonight.

#### EMS Service Contracts

Borough Manager Pugliese has nothing to report. At the September Council meeting, the council approved a list of topics that they had concerns that they would like Penn State to address so he will be scheduling a meeting with Steve Buchle, Penn State Health Life Lion to review. One of the topics was on missed calls, which is why it was included in their report.

#### Parking

Councilor Fahndrich distributed and reviewed a rough draft of the process to obtain residential permit parking as discussed in previous meetings. She wanted to get some suggestions/ideas from the committee on an appeals process. Mayor Bradley explained that generally you appeal to another body, but there is no other body greater than Council in this Borough. For example, a decision by the zoning hearing board could only be appealed through the Court of Common Pleas; it would be a civil action, which is essentially what we are doing here. Borough Manager Pugliese explained that if this is a public hearing under the Borough code, Council can only listen to the evidence, per se, that is presented at the public hearing so anything that is said and if it goes to County Court, they should only be reviewing the testimony that was received at the public hearing. Mayor Bradley explained that we need to decide if this process requires a public hearing or not. There are advantages and disadvantages to a public hearing. We could have Public Safety forward the petition to Council for consideration. Mayor Bradley said to consider putting in limitations on time for submitting petitions and if denied by Council, it can be resubmitted in one calendar year. All petitions must include name, address and telephone number so we can notify all named persons of the request in case they want to have some input. Councilor Fahndrich will make the changes and resubmit the draft. Borough Manager Pugliese will reach out to the Solicitor for a legal opinion on an appeal process.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### 2022 Budget Proposal

Chief Goshen provided his budget proposal. He cautioned the members that he had to guess at what the contractual agreement is going to be at the end of the

year so he conservatively chose to go with three percent designation to salaries which is subject to change. He had previously spoken to Mayor Bradley about having the supervisor and commanding officers attend continuing education. In the training budget, it includes covering the cost of sending himself and the senior sergeant to Northwestern University's Executive Training. It is all online and is a little over three months of coursework. It is about \$4,000 per student. His proposal is to go with the best school. Ammo lead time is eighteen months. We are paying six times the price for ammunition with no guarantee on delivery. It looks like three years until costs get under control but could take up to seven to eight years. Uniform budget is reduced and is back down to what it was about two years ago; everyone has their class A uniforms. Contracted services are mostly fixed costs. Under 410.750, there are three items. A software program that is linked with audio and video for the interview room. It would be a live feed and would automatically dump into the cloud for evidentiary purposes. Investigators would have a working copy. It also includes the vehicle computers that are all running Windows 7 and need to move to Windows 10. \$8700 is allocated for officers who want to switch over to new site and holster. Collectively the budget is less than one percent increase over last year. Councilor Castaldi commented on Chief Goshen doing a remarkable job at saving money. Councilor Fahndrich agreed that he did a phenomenal job in budget preparation and the numbers are great. She would like Councilor Eichler's input as well before forwarding to Council. Councilor Castaldi concurred. Councilor Fahndrich will follow up with Councilor Eichler.

#### Resignation of Part Time Officer

Chief Goshen forwarded a letter of resignation from Officer Luis G. Mendez, Jr. Mayor Bradley commented that he served as a fulltime officer and returned on a part time basis. He has done a lot of community service in his thirty-two years of service to the Borough, including serving as a DARE officer. He reiterated that officers who excel in their jobs should leave with tokens, specifically their gun and badge. It would be very appropriate to have council award him his badge and gun. Mayor Bradley would like the awarding of his badge and gun to Officer Mendez to be added to the October Council Agenda. Councilor Fahndrich acknowledged receipt of the letter of resignation from Officer Luis G. Mendez, Jr. and wants full council to receive a copy of it.

#### Stop Sign on Jacob Street at New Street

Mayor Bradley inquired with Chief Goshen about the proper placement of a stop sign, which was confirmed that it should be on the right-hand side of the street. There is a stop sign mounted on the back of another sign on the left-hand side of Jacob Street. He would prefer that the stop sign be removed. Borough Manager Pugliese said that we could add this change – adding and removal of a stop sign - to the upcoming ordinance changes, providing it is on the Agenda; Councilor Fahndrich agreed.

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

Josh Deering, 33 Frank Street, asked if there was any data on streets that we had concerns about speeding. Chief Goshen received pricing for the speed tables and at the last meeting we were going to look at North Barbara Street as the test. The department is currently working on the streets; heavy work on Lefever and West Main Streets and are running regular traffic details on Donegal Springs Road because we have had a lot of speeders out there. He is developing a library of this data as this behavior is cyclical and will enable the department to be faster at addressing problems.

He also had some questions on the residential parking permit which were addressed by both Mayor Bradley and Chief Goshen.

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

Mayor Bradley reviewed that at the last Council Meeting, there was a conversation around buildings and the direction Council wanted to go regarding future sites of development and the bank property came up. It was discussed as to whether or not the police department needs to be in the same facility as the Borough and Authority. He wanted to get some direction from this committee or the ad hoc committee and doesn't know who to go to first. The police department has outgrown its space and requires certain safety requirements. Perhaps a joint meeting between Public Safety and the ad hoc committee would be appropriate. The committee asked Josh Deering, on behalf of the ad hoc committee, to coordinate a tour of the Wells Fargo bank building.

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

The committee went into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues at 21:14 Hrs. and ended at 21:35 Hrs. No decisions were made.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 21:36 Hrs. Councilor Castaldi made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Motion carried unanimously.