

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion to adopt the Public Safety Committee Meeting Agenda, as revised, was made by Councilor Castaldi, seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion to adopt the revised Agenda carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

Josh Deering, 33 Frank Street, discussed his email request for an exemption to the Borough noise exemption (to be discussed under New Business) for an upcoming fundraiser. American Legion of Mount Joy, Post 185, 560 Clay Alley, will be holding a fundraiser (Fall Fest Food Truck event) on Saturday, October 24, 2020 from 12pm to 5pm to raise money for the club. There will be food trucks, DJ and people just hanging out and will follow CDC guidelines, hoping to sell 250 tickets. Area will be fenced in with orange construction fencing; portable potties; everything will be lined off. Parking areas are outlined in the special event permit request.

Robert DeHoff, 15 Marietta Avenue, inquired about the latest on the crosswalk at Henry Street from a few months ago. Councilor Fahndrich will make a point to revisit the minutes to check the status. He engaged with the previous Police Chief last November. Chief Goshen stated that the crosswalk at Henry Street is poorly placed. He can restart a traffic study on the crosswalk if it hasn't already been done if requested. Councilor Fahndrich will do some research and get back to the committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the Minutes for the Public Safety Committee meeting held on August 24, 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; 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. Mayor Bradley stated that we haven't seen a SVEMS official since COVID started and would like to have some attendance from them. Councilor Fahndrich will reach out to SVEMS.

OLD BUSINESS

Parking Issues

Councilor Fahndrich reviewed an email from one of the businesses, on behalf of multiple businesses, regarding why the two-hour parking ends at Barbara Street and whether or not it could be extended beyond it. Due to the mixed usage, we would have to research the properties and see how the residents would be affected. Additionally, the restaurants in that area are looking for designated curbside pickup on both sides of East Main Street which could be addressed with temporary signage, for a short-term solution. Councilor Fahndrich would like to look at the block beyond Barbara Street. Staci Gibbs would have the information needed relative to the rental properties and their respective parking.

Brief discussion on changing the verbiage on the two-hour parking. As discussed at last month's meeting, looking at 9am to 5pm Monday through Friday and possibly 9am to 2pm on Saturdays, if at all. MSMJ thought the hours were reasonable, however the committee would like MSMJ to provide a spreadsheet with the businesses and their hours to include Saturdays.

Three topics to review at next month's meeting are: temporary signage for curbside pickup; extending the two-hour parking beyond Barbara Street and the change of verbiage for the existing two-hour parking signs.

NEW BUSINESS

Method for Instituting Residential Parking

Discussed providing residents with a process to institute and/or abolish residential parking and how it would work on a street by street basis, but with some terminology that allows Council to also institute parking. Great model to look at was from York City. Councilor Fahndrich will take the York City residential parking ordinance and adapt it to the Borough of Mount Joy and put it into a working document format and will email it to the committee before next meeting.

North Market Street Crosswalk Traffic Study

Chief Goshen completed/presented a traffic study for crosswalk evaluation on North Market Street adjacent to Mount Joy Borough Park. He recommends the ladder crosswalk design, signage, limited parking and reduction in speed. Chief Goshen explained speed tables. Councilor Eichler made a motion to move to full Council, Chief Goshen's recommendation for the North Market Street crosswalk, parking restriction, speed reduction and signage as outlined in the study; seconded by Councilor Castaldi. Motion carried unanimously.

Noise Exemption Request for Legion Fundraiser Event October 24, 2020 at 560 Clay Alley: Ref Borough Ordinance 170 (Noise)

The explanation for the request was discussed under Public Input. Chief Goshen explained that this is in reference to Noise Ordinance 170, specifically Section C, sub-paragraph 3, which stipulates exemptions to the ordinance must be approved by Council. Councilor Castaldi made a motion to move to full Council the exemption from Borough Ordinance 170 for the American Legion for the event on October 24, 2020 from 12pm to 5pm; seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

Richard DeHoff, 15 Marietta Avenue, owns Little Dippers. He just wanted to comment that when COVID hit he shut down his outside seating, employs extra people to work on busy nights to better utilize his drive through and assist with traffic control to avoid issues on Main Street. He doesn't feel the Borough should take streets to empower a private commercial endeavor when everyone has to deal with it.

Mr. DeHoff also wanted to applaud Chief Goshen for his efforts regarding parking issues with one of his tenants; looking for a logical solution. Mr. Dehoff looked at the utilization study and it covers only about fifty percent in his area. Main to Henry Streets had twelve spots; crosswalk took three spots of existing parking or 25%. He doesn't feel the crosswalk is being used.

He feels residents need to have some input to the solution. He feels there are three areas that need to be addressed: Train Station, Brewery and all the other restaurants.

Brian Youngerman, West Ward, spoke generally about residential parking around the train station and feels many residents are opposed to it.

ANY OTHER MATTER PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Mayor Bradley discussed the process in utilizing Zoom. He would like Chief Goshen to attach the link to the Agenda for future meetings. Councilor Fahndrich will relay the information to Interim Borough Manager Kraus.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS

Executive Session was not held.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Submitted by: Diana Ellis