

# **Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes**

**October 28, 2019**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

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

## **ROLL CALL**

Present were: Councilor Fahndrich, Councilor Hall, Councilor Eichler, Mayor Bradley and Chief Williams. Also present was Borough Manager Sam Sulkosky.

## **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

A motion to approve the Agenda was made by Councilor Hall, seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. 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 September 23, 2019 was made by Councilor Eichler. Motion seconded by Councilor Hall. Motion to approve Minutes carried unanimously.

## **FDMJ REPORT**

FDMJ Chief Gohn was not in attendance. No report received for this meeting.

## **EMA REPORT**

Matt Kratz stated that it has been pretty uneventful having no activations in the past two months. He spoke to PEMA about cybersecurity and they suggested to reach out to our IT vendor as PEMA is not drafting a plan. PEMA also suggested he reach out to Bethlehem, which he did reach out twice via telephone and email, with no response. Matt met with East Donegal Township EMA who had reached out to him about merging East Donegal Township EMA with Mount Joy Borough EMA to make a Regional Emergency Management as they only have three active people now in East Donegal Township and they are looking to get out of it. Scott Kingsborough is their current EMA

Coordinator and would be willing to stay on as Deputy to handle their part of it. TMI handled most of their stuff and since TMI is no longer going to be active, it would make sense for East Donegal Township to merge. Their last emergency management plan is from TMI from 2003 so they pretty much adopted it. They would like to see this regional merger take place in January 2020 timeframe. Mergers are happening all over our area; one being West Donegal Township, Mount Joy Township and Elizabethtown Borough all merged four to five years ago. Matt reached out on a county level to see how it was working and was told it was working out pretty well. There are two ways to do a merger; two municipalities merge into one, or one EMA Coordinator governs two municipalities. The Councils of both Mount Joy Borough and East Donegal Township would have to approve such merger. Matt has copies of the agreements for the Elizabethtown regional merger and he will PDF them to the Public Safety Committee. He will reach out to the others and try to get their agreements as well. The Public Safety Committee will keep an open dialogue and give it more thought before the next meeting, but that January is not a realistic timeframe.

### **SVEMS REPORT**

There was a total of sixty six calls in the Borough; forty three were covered by Mount Joy unit; twelve handled by outside unit and eleven by other SVEMS 772/776). New recruit academy students graduate in two weeks so you will see some new providers.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Main Street Parking**

Chief Williams discussed the two hour parking enforcement along the Main Street corridor which will continue for the foreseeable future. Both the 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit ruled that you cannot chalk tires for timed parking without a search warrant. We are in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit so it doesn't apply to us. Our police officers chalk the roadway in front and behind the tire. We may have new equipment coming from Amtrak which will aid our officers in expediting parking enforcement using virtual chalking. Chief Williams discussed in greater detail both the Vehicle Mounted License Plate Readers (LPR's) and Cite Pro (handheld unit) which is the proposed new equipment from Amtrak which will aid the police officers in expediting parking enforcement. Councilor Fahndrich inquired as to whether or not we have heard from PennDOT. Councilor Hall stated that PennDOT sent a proposed agreement regarding equipment for parking enforcement, snow removal, parking lot and sidewalk maintenance. They'd like to know if Mount Joy Borough is ready to move forward with the proposal. The train committee needs to review their list against the proposal; forward to our Solicitor before being returned to PennDOT so there is still work to be done.

#### Main & Marietta Cross Walk Update

Lengthy discussion ensued on 772/re-routing/swapping bridges/roads. Councilor Hall made a motion that we include on the Agenda for the November 4<sup>th</sup> Council meeting discussion of potential swaps for Market Street Bridge. Councilor Fahndrich seconded the motion; motioned carried unanimously. Borough Manager Sam Sulkosky is to hold off on discussing the swap part.

#### Facilities Use Form

Nothing new to report.

#### Left Turn Phase Criteria

Nothing new to report.

#### 2020 Police Department Budget Breakdown (Revised)

Chief Williams revised the budget to include the possibility of purchasing Class B uniforms for the fulltime officers to be used for special events. The fee for CLEAN has gone up and is reflected in this revision. Chief Williams also presented a breakdown of purchase prices by make/model for a new vehicle for 2020. Chief Williams will reach out to Susquehanna Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram regarding the upcoming council meeting on Monday as the deadline to order the vehicle is prior to the council meeting. Councilor Hall made a motion to move to full council to order a 2020 Dodge Charger. Councilor Eichler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Crosswalk at 25 Marietta Avenue

Robert DeHoff spoke on the crosswalk at 25 Marietta Avenue. He was never informed the crosswalk was going to be installed. He spoke to Dennis Nissley of Public Works who said it was a Public Safety issue so he sent an email to Chief Williams outlining what he considers to be a safety hazard with trucks speeding, and no line of sight for the crosswalk at 25 Marietta Avenue. He installed a fence due to drivers driving into his backyard as the walkway has created an illusion. He would like to see the curb cut filled in and the Borough would gain three parking spaces. He is willing to fill in the indentation at his cost. He would also be fine with a reflective arrow. The train station ad hoc group will do a fact finding mission. Mr. DeHoff will return to the next Public Safety Committee on November 25, 2019.

#### Lancaster County DTF Support Resolution

Chief Williams presented a Resolution of Support for Lancaster County Drug Task Force. The Council will need to vote on it at Monday night's (November 4, 2019)

meeting. Councilor Hall made a motion to move this to full council. Councilor Fahndrich seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD**

None

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

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS**

The committee went into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 21:21 Hrs.  
Executive Session ended at 21:56 Hrs.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 21:56 Hrs. Councilor Eichler made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilor Hall.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by Diana Ellis