

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Councilor Fahndrich at 18:30 Hrs.

ROLL CALL

Present were: Councilor Fahndrich, Councilor Hall, Councilor Eichler, and Police 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 Eichler. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes for the Public Safety Committee meeting held on January 28, 2019 were made by Councilor Hall, with one correction on page four made by Councilor Fahndrich. Motion seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion carried unanimously.

FDMJ REPORT

FDMJ Chief Gohn was not in attendance; no report.

EMA REPORT

Matt Kratz was not in attendance; no report.

SVEMS REPORT

Captain Blanchflower reported that during the period January 1 to January 29, there were fifty four calls in the Borough; seven were handled by other providers; twenty

signed off. New EMT class has started so we might see some students around the town. Councilor Eichler is a BLS instructor and inquired about needing eighteen pocket masks in October; SVEMS will purchase and invoice him separately.

OLD BUSINESS

Main Street Parking

Mayor Bradley was absent; no update.

Main & Marietta Cross Walk Update

Councilor Eichler discussed illuminated signs. Borough Manager Sulkosky said that was part of the grant; eleven crosswalks are targeted.

Facilities Use Form

Councilor Hall has nothing new to report; looking for feedback from the committee. Councilor Fahndrich suggested moving 'facility desired section' to the top of the page.

Special Event – 5K Run

Paula McAdoo previously provided to committee a letter (in packet) from East Donegal Township approving the use of Township roadways. Council previously approved the route. Race is scheduled for April 27, 2019, rain or shine.

New Vehicle Matrix 2019 Revised

Updated Matrix was provided to include the Dodge Charger PPV. Upfit charges also provided on Matrix. Discussion on vehicles commenced with Councilor Hall recommending the Dodge Charger PPV, seconded by Councilor Fahndrich; motion carried to go to full committee.

Open Part-Time Police Officer Position

Chief Williams provided an analysis of costs associated with utilizing a fulltime officer vs a part time officer to cover opens shifts.

PennDOT Permit for Memorial Day Parade

Permit received back from PennDOT to close road for Memorial Day Parade on May 25, 2019. Main Street Mount Joy has been notified. Chief Williams will begin the ISP.

NEW BUSINESS

Hazard Mitigation Plan

Borough Manager Sam Sulkosky sent an email and the LEMA link to the committee. He is recommending that it go to the full council as a Letter of Intent

and pre-application are due 2/28/19. Councilor Eichler made a motion to send it full council; seconded by Councilor Hall.

EMS Response Time

Councilor Hall brought up a complaint that the Mayor received regarding EMS response time. Mike Fitzgibbons of SVEMS stated that the employee involved was reprimanded. He also stated that they responded to 458 calls and the average response time was 9 minutes and 6 seconds. Forty nine percent were under eight minutes. Mike Fitzgibbons mentioned that some calls may not be getting screened appropriately at 911 Communications and/or the caller may not be providing good information. Mike Fitzgibbons provided an article 'EMS in Crisis' to the Safety Committee. Currently, SVEMS has ninety four paid staff and thirteen volunteers. Councilor Hall suggested that they continue to look at and make a more concerted effort to have a unit at Church Street. The situation will continue to be monitored.

PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

None.

ANY OTHER MATTER PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Matt from EMA provided Councilor Fahndrich with a few dates to discuss a post follow up on the flood. Discussion resumed on what entities should be involved in this meeting. The special meeting should address the flooding of August 31, 2018. Council should give input into emergency operating procedures/plan. Need to define details such as...how we declare an emergency; who makes decision to declare an emergency; disaster declaration vs State of Emergency.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS

The committee went into Executive Session at 19:52 Hrs.

ADJOURNMENT

At 20:18 Hrs. Councilor Eichler made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilor Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by Diana Ellis