

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Councilor Fahndrich at 18:29 Hrs.

ROLL CALL

Present were: Councilor Fahndrich, Councilor Hall, Councilor Eichler, Mayor Bradley and Sergeant Drexel. 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 March 25, 2019 was made by Councilor Eichler. Motion seconded by Councilor Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

FDMJ REPORT

FDMJ Chief Gohn was not in attendance; no report received for this meeting but will be in the council packet.

EMA REPORT

Matt Kratz stated there was nothing new. He discussed the timelines for the flood plan draft should be ready for the May or June meeting in time for the summer storms and no later than September for the winter events. If he gets them done before, he will forward a copy to you. Mayor Bradley inquired if they were planning on participating in

the Memorial Day parade and Matt confirmed that they would be involved, but not for the 5K.

SVEMS REPORT

Captain Blanchflower reported that there were fifty four calls total in the Borough; seven were handled by other providers; eleven were not transported. They got seven new EMTs from the program; program went fairly well, will be doing it again. She also noted that the turnaround time at the hospital has increased due to the closing of Lancaster Regional. No date has been established for the CPR training of the Donegal school teachers.

OLD BUSINESS

Main Street Parking

Mayor Bradley presented the Michael Baker report. Bound copies will be made available to council one week prior to the meeting. On Page 35, is a list of recommended strategies that they put forth; the order is more from an ease of planning/putting something in place. Strategy #1 – Time of day/residential parking permit primarily for Delta Street and small portion of Donegal Street; Strategy #2 – Off peak train station parking and ways to utilize those spaces in order to enhance parking, i.e. paid parking/fixed fee parking/two hour restriction, however we will need to get together with Amtrak from an infrastructure point of view; Strategy #3 Build off what had successfully been done on West Main Street at Trinity Lutheran and other businesses with the cooperative agreement; Strategy #4 – Parking garage at St. Marks; Strategy #5 – Land acquisition for the Borough to acquire more land for parking. Refer to Appendix A (data) & B (positives and negatives) in implementing the strategies. Our grant was wide enough to cover pedestrian safety as well and this was only one phase of that particular grant. Once the Amtrak facility was complete, the Borough would be responsible for the care taking of the facility. However no agreement has been signed so the Borough has no responsibility at this point. As far as the church lot, the Borough leases the lot from the church and PennDOT has agreement with the Borough to use for public parking. Borough Manager Sam Sulkosky and the Solicitor met with PennDOT in December but has not heard anything further relative to maintaining the underground service. He reached out again to Beth Panini to request a meeting. Councilor Fahndrich inquired about Elizabethtown's facility and the type of agreement they have. Concern remains about parking/fees/permits/maintenance. Michael Baker's parking study presentation was accepted by Public Safety Committee.

Main & Marietta Cross Walk Update

Councilor Fahndrich sent an email to PennDOT who suggested she talk to Jake who sent it back to PennDOT who responded that additional collaboration is needed before we proceed with the suggested options. Councilor Fahndrich left another message to get further clarification as to what is needed; re-routing or crosswalks. Mayor Bradley provided more specifics on the issue. Last year we put in for a grant for lighted crosswalks in the Main Street corridor to improve overall pedestrian safety. This will be kept on the agenda as we would like to see this move forward.

Facilities Use Form

Councilor Hall has nothing new to report.

EMS Response Time

Councilor Fahndrich only received one question from the Public Safety Committee so Mike Fitzgibbons was not asked to attend tonight's meeting. Councilor Fahndrich will reach out to Mike Fitzgibbons to attend next month's meeting. Please send Councilor Fahndrich questions so she can forward them to him in advance of the next meeting on May 20, 2019.

Parking Ordinance Changes – Crosswalks and Curb Painting

Nothing to report regarding the 20 feet east side of North Market; table this to next meeting; Discussion regarding Caroline that exits onto Market (north of Frank) visibility is partially impeded due to parking right up to the line. There are many similar issues throughout the Borough. Ordinance would need to be amended if we want to add signs to eliminate some parking spaces in certain areas. Councilor Hall requested Borough Manager Sulkosky to get clarification from the Solicitor to see if there was a way to amend the ordinance so signage could be put up as needed.

H&R Transload Truck Scale Project – Change to Parking Ordinance

Mike Higgins (and Doug Metzler) of Reist Popcorn had a successful meeting with Mr. and Mrs. Rivera, Chief Williams, Staci Gibbs and Borough Manager Sulkosky. The Rivera's signed an agreement which was provided to the Public Safety Committee. Jeffrey Wills signed the CGA letter dated March 15, 2019 and gave a letter supporting the new traffic flow to the Mount Joy Borough dated March 26, 2019 which was also provided to the Public Safety Committee. Traffic flow will run west to east on Square Street, heading south to Market. Chief Williams came to see the flow; Mike Higgins answered questions from Josh Deering and other council members when they came to see the flow as well. Councilor Fahndrich observed little traffic. Visibility heading south on South Market Street is very good. Councilor Hall is opposed to no parking. Mayor Bradley would like to see stop sign added. Mike Higgins has agreed to pay for stop sign. Mike Higgins would like to see this moved to full council. Councilor Eichler made a

motion to refer to council the recommendation for the H&R Transload Truck Scale petition as proposed. Councilor Fahndrich seconded the motion. Councilor Hall opposed. Motion passed; moved to full council. Councilor Eichler made a motion to recommend to council to consider the placement of a stop sign at South Market Avenue and Square Street. Motion seconded by Councilor Fahndrich. Councilor Hall opposed. Motion passed; send to full council.

NEW BUSINESS

Multimodal Grant – Ideas to bring before full council

Mayor Bradley refers back to Main/Market Street under old business specific to lighted crosswalks in the Main Street corridor and other identified areas within the borough. Borough Manager Sam Sulkosky is working with Senator Aument's office regarding the DCD Grant to see where we were deficient and is hoping to hear back by the end of April. The deadline for the DCD Grant is July 31, 2019 and the PennDOT Grant is due in November. Discussion commenced on the areas of focus for improvement to crosswalks. Borough Manager Sam Sulkosky recommends that we wait for feedback from Senator Aument's office before we radically change the Grant. Councilor Hall made motion to recommend to full council that the DCD Multimodal Grant focus on crosswalk improvements including lighted crosswalks at: Main Street/Park Avenue; Main Street/High Street; Main Street/Marietta Avenue; Main Street/Delta Street; Main Street/mid-block east of New Haven Street; Main Street/Lemon Street; Main Street/Jacob Street; Main Street/Fairview Street; Market Street/Marietta Avenue; Old Market/Manheim. Councilor Eichler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously to recommend to full council the DCD Multimodal Grant to focus on crosswalk improvements and lighted crosswalks at the named locations.

Trinity Lutheran Church Crosswalk Letter

A letter from Reverend Michael J. Martine of Trinity Lutheran Church was reviewed by the committee. Councilor Hall made motion to move to full council to include fluorescent signs and banded crosswalks similar to Marietta and Market. Councilor Eichler seconded the motion. Motion carried; send to full council.

PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

Matt Kratz stated that the lot west on Henry Street is owned by Amtrak Tax and Insurance.

ANY OTHER MATTER PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Councilor Hall requests to go back to parking ordinance changes. Councilor Hall made a motion to send to full council for consideration limiting the parking on the east side of North Market Street, north of Frank Street for X number of feet (number to be provided by the Chief) to send to the solicitor. Councilor Eichler seconded the motion. Motion carries that we will move to full council for consideration.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS

The committee went into Executive Session to discuss personnel and legal matters at 20:36 Hrs.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2100 Hrs. Councilor Eichler made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilor Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by Diana Ellis