

Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

June 24, 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, 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 Eichler. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes for the Public Safety Committee meeting held on May 20, 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 was not in attendance; no report received for this meeting.

SVEMS REPORT

Captain Blanchflower reported that there were a total of sixty three calls in the Borough; fifty were covered by SVEMS. The academy graduates in three weeks; all

students are contracted with SVEMS for two years. Trying to get another advanced class together. Mayor Bradley would like to have a copy of the Standing Orders provided to the committee; Councilor Fahndrich will generate letter to Mr. Fitzgibbons articulating the committee's concerns for the request.

OLD BUSINESS

Main Street Parking

Further dialogue with PennDOT will continue. Since PennDOT is unable to attend July's council meeting, Mayor Bradley would like to set up a meeting with PennDOT, Mayor and President of Council before August to discuss the three types of parking to consider – Residential/Commercial/Train Ridership.

Main & Marietta Cross Walk Update

Nothing new to report.

Facilities Use Form

Councilor Hall has nothing new to report.

Strong Holdings, LLC request for STOP signs at Farmview Lane and Martin Avenue

Attached Ordinance for informational purposes only; up for vote next month.

NEW BUSINESS

Midblock Pedestrian Crossing

Chief Williams spoke with Eric Kinnard, District 8, Lead Traffic Engineer at PennDOT regarding Midblock Pedestrian Crossing. There are two types of flashing signs: RRFB (rectangular bars) and W11-2 (flashing warning device). The W11-2 is under consideration for approval by PennDOT; 18-24 months anticipated approval, if at all. There are four W11-2 signs installed in the county as part of a trial; one of them is at the rail trail in Ephrata. A traffic study must be conducted for any type of lighted signs. The area by the Church is not considered midblock.

PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

None.

ANY OTHER MATTER PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Mayor Bradley mentioned that Officer Gordon will be presenting at the next Public Safety meeting for consideration of a K9 Unit.

Mayor Bradley met with members of the leadership of the Fire Department. One of the concerns was the updating of the Knox Boxes. One of the requirements of doing business within the borough is to have a Knox Box. There are 450 boxes that need updating (300+ are within the borough), which is labor intensive. Planning on meeting with the Codes Officer and Fire Department leadership for ways to coordinate; lessen the workload on our volunteers. Meeting to happen over the next month or two. Mayor will provide report.

Councilor Fahndrich attended Public Safety Hearing on pipeline safety with Delaware County EMA head. Much discrepancy exists as to who to call when smell of gas; 911 vs gas company. More hearings to ensue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS

The committee went into Executive Session to discuss personnel and legal matters at 19:17 Hrs.

ADJOURNMENT

At 20:07 Hrs. Councilor Hall made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilor Eichler. Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by Diana Ellis