

## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT – MARCH 13, 2023**

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**Members:** Buohl, Chairman; Richard, Vice Chairman; Ressler, Member; Barr, Alternate; McKim, Staff

**Attendees:** Committee: Buohl, Chairman; Richard, Vice Chairman; Ressler, Member; Barr, Alternate  
Council: President Reinhold, Mr. Musser, Mr. Zimmerman, Ms. Martin, Mayor Mowen  
Staff: Interim Chief McKim, Nancy Harris,  
Guests: Randy Gockley (EMA), Tony Haws (Ephrata Township), Ken Lockhart, Brian Hoffman

The Public Safety Committee met on February 21, 2023, at 6:30 PM at Ephrata Borough Hall, 124 South State Street.

### **Approval of Agenda:**

Interim Chief McKim provided confirmation of the following:

1. The meeting agenda was posted on the Borough's website and at Borough Hall no later than 24 hours in advance of the time of the meeting.
2. The meeting agenda included a listing of each matter of Borough business that will be or may be the subject of deliberation or official action at the meeting.
3. There were no changes made to the meeting agenda after it was posted.
4. The meeting agenda was made available to individuals in attendance at the meeting.

Committee Chair Buohl asked if there were any requests to add a matter of Borough business to the meeting agenda. There were none. Mr. Richard moved, and Mr. Ressler seconded to approve the meeting agenda as posted. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Action Items:**

1. **Adoption of Civil Service Rules and Regulations** – The Committee heard Interim Chief McKim's explanation of the updated Civil Service Rules and Regulations and were in agreement to recommend adoption at the March 6, 2023, Work Session.

### **Discussion Items:**

1. **EMA January 2023 Report:** Emergency Manager Gockley reviewed the report and offered information on the Northern Lancaster County Public Safety Committee's CPR training. He also reported on the process of the Church Survey. There has been training in the area regarding fire response to gas incidents. Mr. Gockley briefed the Committee on the upcoming Active Shooter Exercise with WellSpan.
2. **Recruitment for Vacancies:** Interim Chief McKim briefed the Committee on the status of the upcoming hiring process and recently updated civil service rules.
3. **Promotional Process for Lieutenant and Sergeant** – The Committee heard Interim Chief McKim's ideas for promotions for key leadership positions in the PD. Bartell and Bartell conducts evaluations for leadership positions in police departments. McKim is pursuing that option.
4. **Police Reports** – Interim Chief McKim reviewed the police reports and complimented the firearms instruction group under the leadership of Sergeant Ken Lockhart for their innovation in training for the agency.

5. **4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2022 Budget Review** – the Committee found no discrepancies in the budgetary report.

**Old Business Items:**

1. Fire Call Annual Comparison – Potentially available for March PSC meeting.

**Miscellaneous Items:**

1. Whistlestop Activity was discussed. No needles found. Some may still be using restrooms to wash up. Mainspring Staff monitors the Sharps container for replacement.
2. Shelter Activity: Mr. Reinhold asked about open communication with Shelter-related services and PD. Interim Chief McKim welcomed contact from any of the parties for informational purposes.

**Adjournment:** 7:10 PM

**Next Meeting Date:**           **Monday March 20, 2023– 6:30 PM**