

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT – MAY 8, 2023

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

Attendees: Committee: Buohl, Chairman; Richard, Vice Chairman; Ressler, Member
Council: President Reinhold, Mr. Musser
Staff: Police Chief McKim, Borough Manager Nancy Harris,
Guests: Randy Gockley (EMA), Richard Gehman (Lincoln Fire Company), Kim Stonebraker

The Public Safety Committee met on April 17, 2023, at 6:30 PM at Ephrata Borough Hall, 124 South State Street.

Approval of Agenda:

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. Chief McKim requested that the discussion of the Full-Scale Exercise (active shooter), which occurred on Saturday April 15, 2023, be added. Mr. Richard moved, and Mr. Ressler seconded to approve the meeting agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

Action Items:

1. None.

Discussion Items:

1. EMA April 2023 Report – EMA Coordinator Gockley reported a slow month. EMA Coordinator reported that Community Assessment for Public Health Emergency Response (CASPER) preparedness in Lancaster County is temporarily on hold. He continues to meet with special needs facilities regarding evacuation plans.
2. Monthly report – Chief McKim reviewed the police report for the month of March 2023 to include a summary of Excellence in Policing, and Significant Issues.
3. Body Worn Camera Cooperative Grant Partnership – Chief McKim reported that the grant situation had changed, and that Millersville University is no longer spearheading a cooperative grant effort. The Borough's contracted grant-writing firm has been asked to keep an eye out. Chief McKim answered questions about the existing Body Worn Camera program.
4. 1st Quarter 2023 Budget Review – due to an inadvertent omission, no budget document was available for review. Chairman Buohl requested it be made available for the next meeting.
5. Active Shooter Exercise – Kim Stonebraker, Chief McKim, Randy Gockley and Chief Rich Gehman commented on the planning and execution of the Full-Scale Exercise at the WellSpan Ephrata Diagnostic Center.

Old Business Items:

1. Fire Call Annual Comparison –No discussion.

Miscellaneous Items:

1. Whistlestop Activity - Chief McKim reported a complaint of harassment at the Whistlestop overnight. It could not be substantiated.
2. Shelter Activity - Chief McKim reported several calls at the Church Street shelter which mostly involved medical issues
3. There was discussion regarding legal and constitutional parameters for police action on trespassing, loitering, and potential ordinances.
4. **Adjournment:** 7:36 PM
5. **Next Meeting Date:** **Monday May 15, 2023– 6:30 PM**