

Bellevue Borough Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee: Public Safety

Date:	06.01.2021	Location: Zoom Teleconference
Chair:	Anya Pikul	Time: 7:00 pm
Note Taker:	Cindy Bahn	
Members In Attendance:	Jodi Cerminara, Council Anya Pikul, Council	
Members Absent:	Amanda Sloane, Council	
Others In Attendance:	Cindy Bahn, DAS Matt Sentner, Police Chief Jeff Wissner, Building Code Official Jack Davin, Lt. Firefighter Jim Kelly, DPW Superintendent	Randy Dailey, Fire Chief
Public Contributions on Agenda Items (5 minutes) There was no public contribution.		
Agenda Items – Reports:		
1	Police Department The Chief did not have a report.	
2	Fire Department and Columbia Hose Hook & Ladder - Chief Dailey stated that the Department responded to 35 calls in May. - Lt. Davin had no report.	
3	Code Enforcement Department; Jeff Wissner, Building Code Official - Mr. Wissner stated that he had nothing to add to his written report. - He did note that a developer would like to convert the structure at 571 Forest Avenue to a 6-unit; it's considered a garden apartment now, which is an excepted use. The developer will require a variance for parking.	
4	NorthWest Emergency Management Services; Carl Tuscan, Chief of Operations No report.	
Unfinished Business:		
1.	Fire Department Mediation Nothing to report.	
3.	Establishment of Police Civil Service Hiring List Chief Sentner stated that he has held off until the revised Civil Service Rules and Regulations were adopted; he would like to hire an additional officer and promote or hire a Lieutenant so that he has a second in command. This will be on the agenda for the June Pre-Council meeting.	
4.	Straw Avenue Permit Parking Chief Sentner has discussed this with the solicitor; it will require a revision to the ordinance and will be added to the June Pre-Council meeting for discussion.	

New Business:**1****Police Department Portable Radios**

- Chief Sentner reported that these 14 units need to be replaced ASAP; they are 9 years old and past the recommended useful life. The total cost for Motorola replacements is estimated at \$30,000 and the Chief proposed using remaining dollars from the funds set aside for body cams and new vehicle cameras as he has not yet purchased the vehicle cameras and could hold off on that purchase. He budgeted \$30,000 to purchase body cams and replace the vehicle cameras in 2021 and secured a grant to cover half the \$20,000 cost of body cams, leaving \$20,000 in his budget. New portable radios could be leased for terms ranging from 3 to 5 years, and at the end of the lease period, the radios could be bought out for a nominal price or traded in. This will be added to the June Pre-Council meeting agenda for discussion.

Public Contributions on Non-Agenda Items (2 minutes):

- Moniqueka Barron, 653 Tingley Avenue: Asked about rules or policies for use of body cams; the Chief noted that the Department of Justice signed off on the body cam policies.

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:24 pm**Next Meeting:** July 6, 2021, 7:00 pm

Minutes approved by Bellevue Borough Council on July 27, 2021.