

Bellevue Borough Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee: Public Safety

Date:	04.05.2022	Location: Borough Building
Chair:	Amanda Sloane	Time: 7:11 pm
Note Taker:	Cindy Bahn	
Members In Attendance:	Amanda Sloane, Council Tom Hrynda, Council Sabreena Miller, Council	
Members Absent:		
Others In Attendance:	Cindy Bahn, DAS Matt Sentner, Police Chief Shawn Jacobs, BCO/Zoning Officer Jack Davin, Lt. Firefighter Randy Dailey, VFD Fire Chief	
Public Contributions on Agenda Items (5 minutes) ▪ Renee Armstrong, 288 North Balph Avenue: noted that there are traffic conditions on North Balph that imperil public safety, including speeding and low curbs. She requested additional enforcement. ▪ Sandy Douglas, 272 North Balph Avenue: Echoed Ms. Armstrong's comments. ▪ Peg Conway, 286 North Balph Avenue: Also expressed concerns about safety trying to cross the street. Ms. Sloane noted that this has been an ongoing conversation at Council meetings. Chief Sentner stated that the Borough is hampered by not being able to use radar, as PA is the only state in the US that prohibits local law enforcement from using it. He suggested that residents reach out to state legislators and encourage them to pass HB 606 which would permit the use of radar.		
Agenda Items – Reports:		
1	Police Department ▪ The Chief noted that he will distribute his reports; he added that the Department received more than 450 calls last month.	
2	Bellevue Fire Department and Columbia Hose Hook & Ladder ▪ Lt. Davin thanked the Public Works Department for the work they've done in the fire department. ▪ Chief Dailey reported that the Department has received 151 calls year to date.	
3	Code Enforcement Department ▪ Mr. Jacobs had nothing to add to his written report.	
4	NorthWest Emergency Management Services ▪ No report was received as of the date of the meeting.	
Unfinished Business:		
1.	3rd Party Building Inspectors ▪ This is on hold for now, but Mr. Jacobs reported that 80-90% of the work can now be done in-house because he holds additional certifications from the state.	

2.	Short Term Rentals This is also on hold for now.
3.	New Police Vehicle - Chief Sentner reported that the Police vehicles “take a pounding” on the Borough’s brick streets. - The car that is being replaced will be used by the Code Enforcement department; one of the vehicles they are currently using failed inspection, and the other will most likely fail inspection in September. - The Chief stated that a hybrid vehicle is currently available at a local dealer, but the Borough would need to act quickly on a decision. This will be on the April Pre-Council meeting agenda.
New Business:	
1.	Movie Detail Chief Sentner reported that he billed Margarita Productions for 600 hours, totaling \$48,000; some of this will go to Avalon Borough who also provided officers.
2.	Parking Ticket Machines - Chief Sentner noted that the current machines are not compatible with the Department’s computers. He would like to scrap the old machines and purchase new machines. - The machines will cost \$2,695 each plus an additional \$400/year for licensing and a warranty. This will be on the April Pre-Council meeting agenda.
3.	Civil Service Hiring List This will be on the April Pre-Council meeting agenda for discussion.
4.	Bus Shelter on Lincoln Avenue at South Harrison Avenue - Port Authority would like to put a bus shelter at this intersection, which is the convergence of several bus routes. - This will be on the April Pre-Council meeting agenda for discussion.
5.	Appointing Lt. Mark Ford as Deputy Fire Marshal - Past practice has been to appoint 1 career firefighter as the Fire Marshal, and the others as Deputy Fire Marshals; this allows for the enforcement of recreational fires. - This will be added to the April Pre-Council meeting agenda.
6.	Face Masks at Public Meetings - Ms. Sloane remarked that the continued requirement to wear masks at public meetings can’t be justified given the current infection numbers. - This will be on the April Pre-Council meeting agenda for discussion.
7.	Chief Daily asked about 3 things: hiring Glenn Pritchard as a part-time firefighter; adding Chief Daily on the lock box system; and the use of the area behind Council Chambers by the volunteer fire department. These items will be discussed further.
Public Contributions on Non-Agenda Items (2 minutes): Joe Scioscia, 260 Lincoln Avenue: Suggested the Borough digitize all its documents and store the remaining items at Iron Mountain.	

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:06 pm

Next Meeting: May 3, 2022, 7:00 pm