

Bellevue Borough Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee: Public Safety

Date:	05.03.2022	Location: Borough Building
Chair:	Amanda Sloane	Time: 7:15 pm
Note Taker:	Andrea Contes, pro tem	
Members In Attendance:	Amanda Sloane, Council Tom Hrynda, Council Sabreena Miller, Council	Val Pennington, Mayor
Members Absent:		
Others In Attendance:	Andrea Contes, FSA Matt Sentner, Police Chief Jack Davin, Lt. Firefighter Randy Dailey, VFD Fire Chief Brian O’Conner, Northwest EMS	
Public Contributions on Agenda Items (5 minutes) Joe Scioscia, 260 Lincoln Avenue: Stated that he is happy with public safety in the Borough.		
Agenda Items – Reports:		
1	Police Department No report.	
2	Bellevue Fire Department and Columbia Hose Hook & Ladder - Chief Dailey asked the status of Knox boxes, the unused portion of the third floor, and Glenn Pritchard’s application to be a part-time firefighter. Ms. Sloane noted that the Borough has enough part-time firefighters, with Lt. Davin reporting 6 on the roster. She had no new information on the other items. - Ms. Miller stated that she has toured the fire department and that it's an embarrassment to the Borough. Ms. Sloane responded that it is no secret that there is a laundry list of issues with the Fire Department. Ms. Miller also questioned Mr. Pritchard’s application and Lt. Davin explained the list and use of part time firefighters.	
3	Code Enforcement Department Mr. Jacobs submitted a written report.	
4	NorthWest Emergency Management Services - Mr. O’Conner highlighted the importance of a QRS program, and addressed Knox boxes. - He also stated that there were instances where the paid firefighters have not responded, and Lt. Davin responded that Mr. O’Conner’s statement was untrue, and that he always responds when his tones go off.	
Unfinished Business:		
1.	3rd Party Building Inspectors Lt. Davin stated that his can come off the agenda now that Mr. Jacobs is here and is able to do 85-90% of the work in-house.	
2.	Short Term Rentals This is also on hold for now.	

New Business:	
1.	Movie Detail Chief Sentner reported that he has received payment for the police detail for “A Man Called Otto”. He noted that he will be meeting with location managers for another movie that is interested in filming in Bellevue.
2.	Purchase and Installation of Evidence Lockers - Chief Sentner explained the requirement for a “chain of custody” as related to seized evidence. The lockers will provide a means for ensuring the chain of custody is maintained. The total cost is \$28,000, with installation provided by DPW. - The Mayor highlighted the necessity of adequate evidence lockers. - This will be on the May Pre-Council meeting agenda.
3.	Face Masks at Public Meetings - Ms. Sloane stated that she would like to revisit this issue, and would like to see a threshold established. - This will be added to the Pre-Council meeting agenda for discussion.
Public Contributions on Non-Agenda Items (2 minutes): - Jack Davin, Lt. Firefighter: Asked about the status of the Firefighter’s Collective Bargaining Agreement; he stated that the Solicitor has not responded back to the paid firefighters. - Joe Scioscia, 260 Lincoln Avenue: Stated that the Borough can drop masks as we are “making ourselves look silly”. - Jenn Slavicek, Vol. Firefighter: directed comments to Mr. O’Conner and Lt. Davin that the call tones can be confusing, and stated that the Public Safety committee lacks transparency. Ms. Sloane acknowledged that there are conversations that cannot be held publicly because they involve personnel issues. Ms. Miller added that she wants to be included in anything having to do with public safety.	

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:41 pm

Next Meeting: June 7, 2022, 7:00 pm