

Bellevue Borough Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee: Public Safety

Date:	09.06.2022	Location: Borough Building
Chair:	Amanda Sloane	Time: 7:00 pm
Note Taker:	Cindy Bahn	
Members In Attendance:	Jodi Cerminara, Council Amanda Sloane, Council Tom Hrynda, Council	
Members Absent:		
Others In Attendance:	Cindy Bahn, DAS Matt Sentner, Police Chief Shawn Jacobs, BCO Jack Davin, Lt. Firefighter Glenn Pritchard, Columbia Hose Bryan O'Conner, Northwest EMS	Val Pennington, Mayor
Public Contributions on Agenda Items (5 minutes) There were no public comments at this time.		
Agenda Items – Reports:		
1.	Police Department Chief Sentner had nothing to report	
2.	Bellevue Fire Department and Columbia Hose Hook & Ladder - Lt. Davin stated that fire department items are on the agenda. - Mr. Pritchard reported that volunteer responses have plummeted, and expressed that he would like the Fire Department and Columbia Hose engage in mediation again. He stated that the career firefighters are “going out of their way to create a hostile environment”. Ms. Sloane requested that Columbia Hose provide revenues and expenses to Council. Ms. Cerminara noted that at some point, Council made the decision to hire career firefighters and that Council’s role is to ensure that employees have everything they need to do their job, and requested that Mr. Pritchard “stop gaslighting us”.	
3.	Code Enforcement Department - Mr. Jacobs noted that Code is using the iWorq program and that it’s going well; he stated that it’s available for the Police and Fire Departments as well, and can be useful to note information such as hoarding situations. - He reported that work has started again on the Dakota townhouse demolitions, and estimated that it will be another week or two to complete.	
4.	NorthWest Emergency Management Services Mr. O’Conner had nothing to report.	
Unfinished Business:		
1.	Knox Box Policy An updated proposed policy will be available for the Pre-Council agenda for discussion.	

2.	Invasive Species This was left on the agenda so that it doesn't fall off the radar.
New Business:	
1.	South Howard Avenue Parking - Chief Sentner asked what people are seeing, and Ms. Cerminara responded that every day is different. - Chief Sentner responded that the street could be closed, which he is against, but that it's an option. - Sgt. Lucas stated that it's the school's issue, and that the problem is with parents who arrive later to pick up their children. He noted that writing multiple tickets makes the police the bad guys. - Ms. Cerminara asked about changing the direction of traffic on Hallett, and Chief Sentner responded that this would require an ordinance change. - Chief Sentner stated that he would send a letter to the School District asking them to take care of this issue, or the Borough will close Howard Avenue.
2.	Purchase of AED for Borough Engine Lt. Davin reported that there has not been one on the engine for a while due to a battery issue. He would like to purchase one and take it out of the Fire Department's gear budget. Mr. O'Conner stated that NorthWest has had issues getting Phillips units and pads, with the latter taking 6 months to a year to get. This will be added to the Pre-Council agenda for discussion.
3.	Fire Department Intern An Avalon volunteer firefighter who is a student at Northgate High School has asked to complete an internship at the Bellevue Fire Department. He would be available to start mid-January, 2023. Ms. Bahn will interview the potential intern. Lt. Ford noted the benefits of a battery-operated ventilation fan, including the lighter weight. The purchase of this item was included in the Fire Department's 2022 budget., and this time will be added to the August Pre-Council agenda for discussion.
Public Contributions on Non-Agenda Items (2 minutes): None at this time.	

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:44 pm

Next Meeting: October 4, 2022, 7:00 pm