

Bellevue Borough Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee: Public Safety

Date:	11.01.2022	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, BFD Mark Ford, Lt. Firefighter, BFD Randy Dailey, Chief, Columbia Hose	Val Pennington, Mayor
Public Contributions on Agenda Items (5 minutes) Jack Schomaker 37 S. Balph: Stated that he pays for a parking pass, but that there is no parking enforcement; also asked about the lack of signs prohibiting skating and scooters on Borough sidewalks and questioned whether this means that enforcement has been cancelled.		
Agenda Items – Reports:		
1.	Police Department Chief Sentner reported that he has submitted a grant request in the amount of \$80,000 for computers and in-car cameras.	
2.	Bellevue Fire Department and Columbia Hose Hook & Ladder - Lt. Ford submitted the BFD report earlier this evening, and it will be posted to the Council shared drive for review. - Chief Dailey stated that he had nothing to report.	
3.	Code Enforcement Department Mr. Jacobs stated that he had nothing to add to his written report.	
4.	NorthWest Emergency Management Services No representative was present, and no report was submitted as of this date.	
Unfinished Business:		
1.	Truck Traffic on Borough Side Streets - Chief Sentner provided a graphic demonstrating various vehicle classifications, and recommended that Council prohibit vehicles in class 8 and above from travelling on Borough side streets, stating that classes 8 & 9 are the ones that are problematic. - He noted that local deliveries would be exempt from the prohibition, and that a suggested route will be developed to guide drivers. - Chief Sentner will work on language for a draft Ordinance for review at the November Pre-Council meeting.	
2.	North Balph Safety Options	

	▪ Ms. Cerminara reported that she was approached by a resident and asked about the Borough installing speed humps or raised pedestrian walkways on N. Balph Avenue. ▪ Chief Sentner responded that a speed study has not been conducted in this area since previous measures were instituted; he noted that the average speed in 2021 was 27 mph. Two things that would negate speed humps are a grade over 8% and more than 3500 cars/day. During the last study, 5,000 cars per day travelled N. Balph. ▪ The possibility of a solar-powered pedestrian signal was discussed.
3.	Police CBA Status ▪ Ms. Cerminara noted that a tentative agreement has been reached.
4.	Light-up Bellevue ▪ Ms. Sloane inquired about street closures for this event, and Chief Sentner responded that he needs to know the times for the closures. ▪ Bona Fide Bellevue has asked to have a banner announcing Light Up Banner hung where the Farmers Market banner was hung; this will be added to the November Pre-Council meeting agenda.
New Business:	
1.	Fire Engine Window Damage. ▪ Lt. Ford reported that the window will be installed later this week.
2.	529 Tingley Demolition. ▪ Mr. Jacobs reported that the contractor hit a gas line, but it's been repaired and capped and the demolition will be completed by the end of the week. In response to a question from Ms. Slavicek, who was in attendance, stated that the permit was issued in bulk by a previous Borough employee and no PA One Call was required.
Public Contributions on Non-Agenda Items (2 minutes): ▪ Zac Cummings, Columbia Hose, Hook and Ladder: Stated that he is "trying to fix things" between the volunteers and the career firefighters and that he is "guilty by association" with Chief Pritchard, a situation he wishes would go away. Stated that he will be moving into a leadership role later this year and that the volunteers and Borough staff could work together without involving Mr. Pritchard. ▪ Mr. Cummings also asked about more enforcement of no parking zones near intersections and Chief Sentner said the only option left is to tow the offending vehicle. ▪ Joe Scioscia, 260 Lincoln Avenue: Stated that he has not received written test results, only verbal, and he would like the Borough to talk to Solicitor Racunas about suing WVWA.	

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:42 pm

Next Meeting: January 3, 2023, 7:00 pm