

Bellevue Borough Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee: Public Safety

Date:	01.03.2023	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, CEO, EMC Mark Ford, Lt. Firefighter, BFD Glenn Pritchard, Chief, CHHL Brian O’Conner, NorthWest EMS	Val Pennington, Mayor (by phone)
Public Contributions on Agenda Items (5 minutes): None		
Agenda Items – Reports:		
1.	Police Department Chief Sentner reported that his report will be available soon.	
2.	Bellevue Fire Department and Columbia Hose Hook & Ladder - Lt. Ford submitted the BFD report and did not elaborate. - CHHL did not provide a report; Chief Pritchard asked what kind of a report was being requested. Ms. Sloane responded that Council would like more information from CHHL regarding financials, current bylaws, and SOGs.	
3.	Code Enforcement Department Mr. Jacobs stated that he had nothing to add to his written report.	
4.	NorthWest Emergency Management Services Mr. O’Conner said that he would provide a report this week.	
Unfinished Business:		
1.	Truck Traffic on Borough Side Streets The proposed Ordinance addressing this will be voted upon at the January Council meeting.	
2.	North Balph Safety Options - Chief Sentner stated that he is still looking at options. - Ms. Sloane responded that the speed humps on Kendall are great and asked whether the same thing could be done on N. Balph. Chief Sentner stated that the traffic numbers do not support a speed hump. - Mr. Kelly stated that he priced lighted signs at \$500-\$2,000. - Ms. Cerminara reported that residents noted another crosswalk about Forest at Maryland that was not painted when the crosswalks were done; Mr. Kelly responded that they were done, but not with the large logo and stripes.	

	- Chief Sentner proposed flashing red lights above the stop signs, and Ms. Cerminara questioned their effectiveness. - Chief Sentner stated that he plans to use the new officer for targeted traffic enforcement.
New Business:	
1.	Fire Engine Repair. This will be completed 01.04; the email vote for the emergency repair will be ratified at the Pre-Council meeting.
2.	North Hills Special Response Team. - Chief Sentner reported that the Borough was invited to participate in this program, which is similar to a SWAT team. Members comprise police officers, medics, negotiators and more. - Membership was previously open only to members of the North Hills COG, but it has been opened up. The cost to the Borough is \$1800/year, which the Chief will find in his budget. - In response to a question from Ms. Cerminara, Bellevue officers could receive additional training, such as in negotiations. - Ms. Sloane asked whether or not a social worker would be a member of the team, and Chief Sentner said that a social worker would come into play after an incident, not during. - This will be on the January Pre-Council meeting agenda for discussion.
3.	Emergency Management Plan - Mr. Davin reported that the Borough needs to approve our Emergency Management Plan. - Elected officials may need to be certified or re-certified through PEMA. - Mr. Hrynda asked who is on the Emergency Management Team and Mr. Davin responded that it is him as Emergency Management Coordinator, Mike Bookser, Jenn Slavicek, and Tom Hrynda, who was appointed by Emily Marburger when she was Mayor. - Chief Sentner stated that in the past, Police Officers have also been appointed.
4.	Columbia Hose, Hook and Ladder - Chief Pritchard stated that he made a request last month, and has not heard back regarding a new rescue vehicle. - The vehicle CHHL is considering is a 2013 vehicle, a little smaller than the current one, and the price is \$140,000 and it would be titled to CHHL. - CHHL is requesting \$60,000 from the Borough and noted that CHHL finances are tight. - Ms. Sloane responded that Council does not know the state of CHHL finances because no reports have been provided. She further stated that the relationship seems one-sided, and that Council knows nothing of bylaws, SOGs, or future plans. She added that she can't recommend reopening the budget for an expensive piece of equipment in the absence of this information, and that this request should have been raised during the budget meetings. - Lt. Ford noted that the current rescue vehicle is only used for 5% of calls in Bellevue, and that the Borough's engine, with rescue equipment mounted thereon, is fine for the 95% of rescue calls where a specialized vehicle is not needed. - In response to a question from Mr. Hrynda, Chief Pritchard noted that the vehicle is in Texas, but that they have not looked at it in person and there are no plans to do so. - This will be added to the Pre-Council meeting agenda for discussion.
5.	Bellevue Elementary Parking - Mayor Pennington reported that he received a request from Dr. Amick at Bellevue Elementary for relief from the parking constraints. The Mayor suggested creating permit parking around the school for teachers and staff. - Chief Sentner stated that Lot 2 is 1.5 blocks away and there are spaces available there; the Mayor responded that this could be a good compromise.
Public Contributions on Non-Agenda Items (2 minutes): None	

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:50 pm

Next Meeting: February 7, 2023, 7:00 pm