

Bellevue Borough Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee: Public Safety

Date:	02.07.2023	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, Firefighter Lt., BFD Zac Cummings, CHHL	Val Pennington, Mayor
Public Contributions on Agenda Items (5 minutes): None		
Agenda Items – Reports:		
1.	Police Department Chief Sentner had nothing to report.	
2.	Bellevue Fire Department and Columbia Hose Hook & Ladder - Lt. Ford submitted the January BFD earlier this evening; he also provided at 2022 BFD report and reviewed it. - Mr. Cummings reported that the Borough received 51 calls since the beginning of the year vs. 42 at this time last year. Lt. Ford noted that he is seeing more apparatus going to different communities. Mr. Cummings also reported that he provided information for Ms. Sloane, and noted that Heidi Cummings is President of CHHL and Jenn Slavicek is serving as Treasurer.	
3.	Code Enforcement Department Mr. Jacobs stated that he had nothing to add to his written report.	
4.	NorthWest Emergency Management Services No report was provided.	
Unfinished Business:		
1. And 2.	North Balph Safety Options; Pedestrian Safety – Solar Signs - Chief Sentner reported that he got a quote on flashing pedestrian signs which would cost \$7,600 for the entire intersection. - He recommends a study in order to prioritize intersections. - He plans to use the radar function on the portable lighted sign and compare data.	
3.	Rescue Equipment on Borough’s Engine - Lt. Ford reported that the has looked around the state at companies using rescue equipment, and that it’s difficult to get 3 quotes as ESI is the only dealer. - He proposes using battery-operated tools; rescue jaws would cost \$29,354 from ESI and he	

	would take out of budget line 01.411.700 and then take the mounting equipment out of the FD small tools budget. ▪ Mr. Cummings requested that the CHHL volunteers also be trained on the location of the new equipment. ▪ This will be added to the February Pre-Council meeting for discussion.
New Business:	
1.	Parking Meter Heads. ▪ Chief Sentner noted that this item was included in the PD's capital budget. ▪ Some of the current heads are failing and 4 additional are needed for the parking spaces on Citizen Way. ▪ He proposes purchasing 12 new heads at \$217/each for a total of \$2604.00. This will be added to the February Pre-Council meeting agenda for discussion.
2.	Closing Hawley Avenue from Lincoln to Citizen Way from 10 am- 11 pm on June 10, July 15 and October 7 for Lincoln Avenue Brewery Events. ▪ This will be added to the February Pre-Council meeting for discussion and possible action.
3.	Proposed Fire Escape Ordinance ▪ Mr. Jacobs stated that this falls under Act 503, and is governed by PA Labor & Industry. ▪ This will be added to the February Pre-Council meeting for discussion. ▪ Mr. Jacobs also noted that BIU is sometimes taking too long and he would like to see the Borough dissolve its exclusive relationship with BIU and permit applicants to use any licensed plans examiner. This will go to February Pre-Council for discussion and possible action.
4.	Recertifying the Borough's Engine as a QRS Vehicle ▪ Lt. Ford stated that the 3-year term is coming up and he is looking for either a "go ahead" or "no go" from Council. ▪ Ms. Sloane responded that there is nothing to re-certify until Council authorizes QRS response. ▪ Mr. Hrynda requested more information about what QRS does, and how it interacts with the career firefighters. ▪ Mr. Cummings responded that QRS and EMS go hand-in-hand and that most EMS organizations are short-handed. ▪ Lt. Ford noted that there is no MOU between the Borough and CHHL for QRS, which puts everyone's certification at risk. ▪ This will be moved to the March Committee meeting for discussion.
5.	Miscellaneous ▪ Mayor Pennington again raised the issue with parking spaces for Bellevue Elementary teachers and staff. It was again suggested that the district obtain business parking passes for Bellevue Lot 2.
Public Contributions on Non-Agenda Items (2 minutes): None	

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:50 pm

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