

Bellevue Borough Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee: Public Safety

Date:	05.02.2023	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 Jack Davin, CEO, EMC Jim Kelly, DPW Superintendent Bill Hartman, FF Lt, Interim Fire Chief Mark Ford, FF Lt.	Val Pennington, Mayor
Public Contributions on Agenda Items (5 minutes): Joe Scioscia, 260 Lincoln Avenue: Asked how Council is going to pay for firefighter services.		
Agenda Items – Reports:		
a.	Police Department - Chief Sentner stated that he will have statistics available soon. - He also reported that grant-funded equipment, including laptops for police vehicles, and body cams, have arrived and installation will occur in the next 30-60 days.	
b.	Bellevue Fire Department and Columbia Hose Hook & Ladder Lt. Hartman had nothing to add to the written report.	
c.	Code Enforcement Department Mr. Davin stated that he had nothing to add to the Department’s written report.	
d.	NorthWest Emergency Management Services No representative was in attendance.	
Unfinished Business:		
a. and b.	Pedestrian Safety Measures (Balph, N. Harrison, S. Howard) - Chief Sentner reported that the speed study conducted on N. Harrison Avenue showed an average speed of 25 mph, with some vehicles travelling as fast as 47 mph mid-block. He would like to conduct a similar study on Euclid Avenue for comparison. - He also reported the results of a speed study on S. Howard, with results showing an average speed of 13 mph. He would like to look at speeds on S. Howard during school hours. He noted that it’s not an especially busy street – vehicles averaged between 9 and 20 mph, with some travelling as fast as 40 mph at the high end. Once the studies are conducted, he will meet with the school administration over the summer. This will be kept in Committee for now.	
c.	Handicapped Parking Chief Sentner reported that he would like to complete an audit of existing spaces and the continuing need for a space, and then make a procedural change with each designated space	

	subject to an individual ordinance. This will be kept in Committee.
d.	Fire Escape Ordinance ▪ This will be added to the Pre-Council meeting agenda for further discussion.
e.	Short-term Rentals/Granicus ▪ This will also be added to the Pre-Council meeting agenda for discussion.
New Business:	
a.	Hallett Place Safety Concerns ▪ The Chief will address this as part of an overall pedestrian safety review.
b.	Riverview Parking ▪ This item will be kept in Committee.
c.	Noise Ordinance for Local Bars and Taverns ▪ A local restaurant was the subject of an anonymous complaint to the PLCB for excessive noise. The Borough has the ability to petition the PLCB to request that all future noise complaints related to establishments serving alcohol be handled by the Borough, not PLCB. This will be added to the Pre-Council meeting agenda for discussion.
d.	Commercial Vehicle Parking in the Borough Ms. Sloane expressed her concerns with commercial vehicles parking too close to intersections, parking vehicles overnight, and travelling on Bayne Avenue, which is prohibited.
Public Contributions on Non-Agenda Items (2 minutes): ▪ Joe Scioscia, 260 Lincoln Avenue: Stated that the Borough has paid drivers for a department that no longer exists, and that the Borough is paying \$400,000/year for those paid drivers. ▪ Paul Miller, 105 Grant Avenue: Noted that when Ben Avon decertified their VFD, they had a plan, and suggested that Council did not have a plan.	

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:54 pm

Next Meeting: June 6, 2023, 7:00 pm