

Bellevue Borough Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee: Public Safety

Date:	06.06.2023	Location: Borough Building
Chair:	Amanda Sloane	Time: 7:34 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 Bill Hartman, FF Lt, Interim Fire Chief Mark Ford, FF Lt. Jim Kelly, DPW Superintendent	
Public Contributions on Agenda Items (5 minutes): - Joe Scioscia, 260 Lincoln Avenue: Asked if more than one firefighter responds to structure fires; then asked what else firefighters do. - Sean McAfee, 102 N. Euclid: Noted that there are no stops signs at Hawley and Lincoln, and Sprague and Lincoln and wondered why. Chief Sentner responded that it's because they are "T" intersections. - Diane Hoffman, 675 North Avenue: Stated that she does not see any police officers patrolling the Borough. Noted that she met with a PBF battalion chief and stated that the chief in question claimed he did not know that they were going to be responding in Bellevue.		
Agenda Items – Reports:		
a.	Police Department - Chief Sentner reported that an officer was injured on duty, and is expected to be off work for a few months. - He will be meeting with organizers of the NHCO 5K race on July 10.	
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. - Mr. Hrynda reported that a resident on Sheridan is complaining about signs on poles.	
d.	NorthWest Emergency Management Services No representative was in attendance, and no report was provided prior to the meeting.	
Unfinished Business:		
a.	Pedestrian Safety Measures (Balph, Harrison, S. Howard) - Chief Sentner reported that speed studies were conducted on S. Howard, where the average speed was 15 mph, and Hallett, where the average speed was 12 mph. - He noted that he is receiving a lot of requests for speed humps, and that the cost of the speed humps on Kendall were \$6,000 each as part of a paving project. Speed humps	

	installed outside of a contracted paving project would be more. ▪ He noted that he has contacted Dr. Johns to discuss safety options around the elementary school.
b.	Handicapped Parking ▪ In response to a question, Chief Sentner stated that he has a database of current handicapped parking designated spaces. ▪ Mr. Kelly added that before DPW replaces faded or damaged signs, they check with the Police Department to see if they are still needed. ▪ This will be added to the Pre-Council meeting agenda for discussion.
c.	Riverview Parking ▪ This item will be removed from future agendas.
d.	Noise Ordinance for Local Bars and Taverns ▪ This will be added to the Pre-Council meeting agenda for discussion.
e.	Fire Escape Ordinance ▪ Mr. Davin stated that property owners would have 3 options available: install a fire escape, install a sprinkler system, do not permit occupancy on the 3rd floor. ▪ Mr. Hrynda stated that Bellevue could make the zoning ordinance more restrictive, such as not permitting a single family residence to be converted into a 3-unit. ▪ This will be added to the Pre-Council agenda for further discussion.
New Business:	
a.	Lincoln Avenue Cameras ▪ The Chief is proposing to eliminate the Comcast service for the current cameras on Lincoln Avenue and replace them with new cameras that will be on the Borough Building's system. The cost of the new cameras, including 2 additional cameras for detainee cells, is \$2,665.00 which would save the Borough about \$170/month, and the initial outlay would be recouped in about 12 months. This will be added to the Pre-Council agenda for discussion.
b.	Police Coverage for Avalon ▪ Avalon has requested that the Bellevue Police Department provide back-up, not primary coverage, for a few months. ▪ This will be added to the Pre-Council agenda for action.
c.	Fire Department Pumper Training ▪ Lt. Hartman would like Bellevue to host this training, which is about 40 hours and would be open to VFDs. The classroom section of the training would be held in Council Chambers, and the driving section at a location TBD. The cost is \$3,800, which the Fire Department has in their training budget. ▪ This will be added to the Pre-Council meeting agenda for discussion.
d.	Other ▪ Mr. Hrynda expressed concerns with the location of the play area at Gillott Park, stating his concerns that someone could come up the hillside and potentially abduct a child. Ms. Cerminara referred him to the Parks & Rec Committee. ▪ Chief Sentner expressed his desire to have National Night Out return to the original purpose and replace a Borough-wide event in Bayne Park with a Health & Safety Day at a date TBD. This will be added to the Pre-Council meeting agenda for further discussion.
Public Contributions on Non-Agenda Items (2 minutes): None	

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:31 pm

Next Meeting: July 5, 2023, 7:00 pm (note that Committees will meet on Wednesday because of the July 4th holiday)