

Bellevue Borough Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee: Public Safety

Date:	09.05.2023	Location: Borough Building
Chair:	Jodi Cerminara, Council	Time: 7:17 pm
Note Taker:	Cindy Bahn	
Members In Attendance:	Jodi Cerminara, Council Tom Hrynda, Council	
Members Absent:	Amanda Sloane, Council	
Others In Attendance:	Cindy Bahn, DAS Matt Sentner, Police Chief Bill Hartman, FF Lt, Interim Fire Chief Shawn Jacobs, BCO Jack Davin, CEO, Fire Marshal	Val Pennington, Mayor
Public Contributions on Agenda Items (5 minutes): Joe Scioscia, 260 Lincoln Avenue: Stated that he doesn't know that the firefighters overtime budget is "covered".		
Agenda Items – Reports:		
a.	Police Department Chief Sentner reported that he will discuss items when they come up on the agenda, but had no report at this time.	
b.	Bellevue Fire Department Lt. Hartman provided a written report, and he shared the data from that report with the Committee.	
c.	Code Enforcement Department Mr. Jacobs stated that he had nothing to add to his written report.	
d.	NorthWest Emergency Management Services No representative was in attendance, and no report was provided prior to the meeting. The DAS was asked to try and get a written report prior to the September Pre-Council meeting.	
Unfinished Business:		
a.	Update on S. Howard Safety Protocols. - Chief Sentner stated that the re-configured dismissal pattern seems to be working; updated measures include changing the location from which younger children are dismissed, additional signage, and putting obstacles in place to deter vehicles from stopping and/or waiting for children. - He added that he will order higher quality orange cones for durability. - Ms. Cerminara expressed her hope that it would not be necessary to close the street to traffic during dismissal.	
New Business:		
a.	Police Testing. Chief Sentner stated that a current officer plans to resign and is moving out of state; the current Civil Service eligibility list has one name and that candidate is unlikely to still be	

	available. ▪ In light of the demand for officers and the incentives being offered by other municipalities, he would like Council to waive the \$50 application fee. This will be added to the September Pre-Council agenda for discussion.
b.	Handicapped Parking Spaces. ▪ Chief Sentner reviewed the Ordinance with the Committee; he has 2 applicants to follow up with and 4 that he has approved. ▪ The DAS will research whether or not the Ordinance requires an advertised amendment when additional spaces are added.
c.	Application to ZHB for Special Exception to Use the Property at 552-554 Teece Avenue as a Short Term Rental. ▪ Mr. Jacobs reported that the hearing is scheduled for 09.28.23. ▪ The Granicus software program indicates that there are 30 short term rental sites in the Borough. Mr. Jacobs added that until the Borough changes the STR ordinance, the ZHB has to approve applications because there are no grounds to deny them.
d.	Other. ▪ Mr. Jacobs suggested that the Borough look into allowing property owners to install parking pads where the property does not include a driveway, on a case-by-case basis. Ms. Cerminara stated that the Borough has permit parking on certain blocks and asked about the standards, and Chief Sentner responded that permit parking was instituted on some blocks because of parking issues related to AGH and Verizon; neither of these organizations present a problem anymore. ▪ Mr. Jacobs further suggested that the Borough permit property owners to use materials other than asphalt and concrete for paving driveways and parking pads. Loose materials, such as gravel, would help the Borough to meet MS4 requirements because stormwater would permeate through the gravel rather than run off into the street.
Public Contributions on Non-Agenda Items (2 minutes): ▪ Joe Scioscia, 260 Lincoln Avenue – Asked why Council believes Pittsburgh will not charge Bellevue to provide automatic aid.	

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:50 pm

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