

Bellevue Borough Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee: Public Safety

Date:	02.06.2024	Location: Borough Building
Chair:	Amanda Sloane, Council	Time: 7:03 p.m.
Note Taker:	Andrea Contes	
Members In Attendance:	Amanda Sloane, Council Tom Hrynda, Council	Russell Ellis, Council
Members Absent:	None	
Others In Attendance:	Matt Sentner, Police Chief Bill Hartman, Fire Chief Shawn Jacobs, BCO/Zoning Officer	Jim Kelly, DPW Superintendent Jack Davin, CEO, Fire Marshal

Public Contributions on Agenda Items (5 minutes):

- Joe Scioscia, 260 Lincoln Avenue: Stated that he saw on the agenda the discussion regarding the release of 2023 Relief Funds to the volunteers' relief association and said, "I'm not 100% sure that is legal" and that Bellevue should consult their attorney.
- Erin Gratner, 428 Hallett Place: Speaking on behalf of Northgate Cross Country Boosters, she presented information about the 5K they hope to hold, in conjunction with NHCO, on August 10, 2024. She said that they planned to follow the same blueprint as last year and years prior.

Agenda Items – Reports:

a.	Police Department ▪ Chief Sentner presented no report, but said that he would discuss many items under New Business.
b.	Bellevue Fire Department ▪ Chief Hartman presented his report.
c.	Code Enforcement Department ▪ Mr. Jacobs presented his report.
d.	NorthWest Emergency Management Services ▪ No representative was in attendance.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

a.	Appointing a Deputy Fire Marshal ▪ Mr. Davin requested that Dave Johnson be appointed Deputy Fire Marshal. This item was moved to Pre Council.
b.	NIMS Training for Council Members ▪ Mr. Davin spoke about the fact that every council member needs to take G402 Training. Ms. Contes agreed to send out a link to those who needed the training.
c.	Approving the Release of 2023 Relief Funds to Bellevue Volunteer Fire Company Relief Association ▪ Mr. Davin stated that he, as President of the Relief Association, was asking for the funds to be voted on and released to the Relief Association. This will be voted on at Pre Council,

	where, Ms. Sloan noted, Bellevue's solicitor would be present.
d.	Hiring Part-time Firefighters Chief Hartman stated that the Fire Department would like to hire between 5-8 part time firefighters. Ms. Sloane requested a mock-up schedule to show how staffing would work, and Chief Hartman agreed. This will move to Pre Council.
e.	Directing the Civil Service Commission to Begin the Process of Hiring a Fulltime Firefighter Chief Hartman asked that this be placed in line for Pre Council, as the Civil Service process takes 3-4 months. This will move to Pre Council.
f.	Tax Credit for Volunteer Firefighters Chief Hartman spoke about the possibility of an ordinance to adopt a tax credit for volunteer firefighters. This was moved for discussion at Pre Council.
g.	Volunteer Billing Chief Hartman spoke about the possibility of a third party company billing insurance companies for fire and rescue calls. Discussion followed. This was moved for discussion at Pre Council.
h.	Fire Department Office Area Remodel Chief Hartman spoke about remodeling requests. Mr. Kelly said that the work could be done in-house. This was moved for discussion at Pre Council.
i.	Fire Department Software Chief Hartman informed that the state would stop supplying the software currently being used, and the Fire Department had looked at different models and narrowed it down to one specific recommendation. Mr. Kelly emphasized that a reporting software would be required to receive any grants. This was moved for discussion at Pre Council.
j.	Forming an Ad Hoc National Night Out Committee Chief Sentner requested volunteers to serve on this committee. Ms. Sloane stated that she would serve on the committee, though she would not chair it. Ms. Cerminara stated that community involvement would be welcomed. This item was moved for discussion at the next Committee meeting.
k.	North Hills Community Outreach 5k Event Citing the information provided earlier by Ms. Gratner, the Committee agreed to move this item for discussion at Pre Council.
l.	Rhythm & Brews Event Chief Sentner advised that the Borough had received the paperwork for this event, and it was moved for discussion at Pre Council.
m.	Police Officer Hiring Update Chief Sentner advised that he had an excellent candidate for Council to vote on. This was moved to Pre Council.
n.	Lincoln Avenue Stop Signs Chief Sentner noted which intersections along Lincoln Ave. did not have stop signs and said Council may want to "open up the ordinance" and review for both stop signs and parking. According to Mr. Kelly, to do the signs in-house, the cost would be approximately \$200/sign. This item was moved to Pre Council for discussion.
o.	Taser Replacements Chief Sentner advised that tasers were included in the capital improvement line item in the budget. The current tasers are antiquated and he has a recommendation for tasers that are safer. He discussed cost and financing options, and he stressed that he would like to purchase new ones as soon as possible. This item was moved to Pre Council for

	discussion.
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Public Contributions on Non-Agenda Items (2 minutes):

- Dan McKelvey, 640 Orchard Ave.: Said that he used the mobile pay app for the first time and that it was “awesome.” The Committee asked for a mobile pay update at the next Committee meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:46 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 5, 2024, 7:00 pm