

Public safety minutes

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Public Safety Committee met 10/25/2023

Members present: Alderman Coupoli, Gillam, Taddeo, McClure and Chair Davis

Also present: Mayor Doenges, Chief Lovett, Chief Kilkullen, President Talbott, Alderman Barbagallo and employees of the Building and Zoning department Mike, Marc and Rhonda

Discussion- squatters, garbage, furniture, unregistered/uninspected vehicles.

This meeting was more of a discussion as to the issues above, how they were being addressed and what is the process to resolve the blight in the neighborhoods. The committee feels that enforcement was necessary to maintain the quality of life in the neighborhoods to deter crime.

The process is the department is made aware of a concern, they go and verify that it exists. A letter is written to the owner of the property with a timeframe to resolve with attached photos of the violation. This is their first notice. Follow up continues if no action taken which can lead to fines and liens assessed to the property. The fines can be 50.00 dollars per day as a municipal ticket and can lead to court action.

The department stated their frustration of being unable at times to locate the property owners as they are absentee landlords. A discussion was held as to how we obtain more information/ contacts when the closing occurs.

The committee was appreciative of the work being done by the city and asked how do we help?
The Board of Health is being reestablished, update ordinances if needed and report a concern. See something, say something. This can be done on the city website.

The committee adjourned at 6:15 pm

Submitted to the Board.

Sharon Davis chair

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