



Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes  
February 7, 2017  
6:35 p.m.  
Rosemary Heflin Council Chambers

**I. Roll Call**

A meeting of the Bellevue Borough Public Safety Committee was called to order at 6:35 P.M. by Councilperson Senvisky.

In attendance were Councilpersons Senvisky, Saylor, Mayor Cusick, Police Chief Sentner, DAS Borczyk, Fire Marshal Wissner, Asst. Fire Chief Prichard Jr. and Code Enforcement Officer Delcroix. Councilperson Coder was absent.

**II. Public Contribution (5 minutes per person) - None.**

**III. Reports – None.**

**IV. Old Business:**

**i. Traffic Pattern – North Avenue – Update**

Chief Sentner discussed options with the Committee. Councilperson Saylor made a Motion to include this subject on the agenda of the March 14, 2017 Pre-Council Meeting. The Motion was Seconded by Councilperson Senvisky.

**ii. Fire Service Committee – Update**

Councilperson Senvisky discussed the Fire Service Committee meeting with the Committee and notified them that future meetings would be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:30 P.M.

**iii. Stairwell install to 3<sup>rd</sup> floor**

It was suggested that Councilperson Hrynda look at the area to see if a stairwell would be feasible to create a storage area.

**iv. FYI: Drone Program**

Chief Sentner informed the Committee that the Police Department was in receipt of funds and would like to purchase a drone at a cost of \$ 5,690 and train six (6) officers on the

appropriate operation of the equipment.

**V. New Business:**

**i. Main Street Appearance/Cleanliness – Accountability.**

Councilperson Senvisky discussed, with the Committee, past programs and the need to enforce littering issues on Lincoln Avenue. DAS Borczyk offered to reach out to the Allegheny County Health Department and see if they had any programs that focus in this area.

**ii. Food Trucks – Borough Events**

Mayor Cusick discussed the inviting of food trucks to Borough events. The Committee was concerned that they would take business away from tax-paying businesses. DAS Borczyk offered to reach out to other communities to see what other communities have in place for food truck operation.

**iii. Spring 2017 Sustainable Community Project – Blighted Structure Inventory and Database.**

DAS Borczyk reviewed the program that had awarded three (3) CMU students to complete a project within the Borough.

**iv. Police Department Hiring**

Chief Sentner discussed the personnel needs of the police department for the upcoming period. Councilperson Senvisky Made a Motion to include this subject on the Agenda of the March 14, 2017 Pre-Council meeting. The Motion was Seconded by Councilperson Saylor.

**v. COPS Grant**

Chief Sentner discussed the upcoming COPS Grant and whether Council would wish to submit an application, noting, that permanent hire decisions would need to be made. Councilperson Senvisky Made a Motion to include this subject on the Agenda of the March 14, 2017 Pre-Council meeting. The Motion was Seconded by Councilperson Saylor.

**vi. Police Training**

Chief Sentner requested that Officer Lucas attend the Penn State Police Academy training course at a cost not to exceed \$ 1,240.00. Councilperson Senvisky made a Motion to include this on the Agenda of the February 14, 2017 Pre-Council Meeting for action. The Motion was seconded by Councilperson Saylor.

**vii. Discussion – Part-time Police Officers.**

Sgt. Lucas informed that the Police Association was against the hiring of Part-time Police Officers, listing a number of reasons. DAS Borczyk discussed the economics of the part-time

officers and some of the thought processes and adjustments made to reduce the burden of some of the items as discussed by Sgt. Lucas.

**VI.** Public Comment - None.

**VII.** Adjournment

Councilperson Saylor made a Motion to Adjourn the meeting at 7:35 P.M. The Motion was Seconded by Councilperson Senvisky. The meeting was Adjourned.

Minutes Approved by Bellevue Borough Council on March 28, 2017