

# Bellevue Borough Committee Meeting Minutes

## Committee: Public Safety

<b>Date:</b>	05.05.2020	<b>Location:</b> Zoom Teleconference
<b>Chair:</b>	Jodi Cerminara, pro tem	<b>Time:</b> 7:00 pm
<b>Note Taker:</b>	Cindy Bahn	
<b>Members In Attendance:</b>	Amanda Sloane, Council	Matt Sentner, Police Chief Jeff Wissner, Fire Marshal James Delcroix, Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer
<b>Members Absent:</b>	Anya Pikul, Chair	
<b>Others In Attendance:</b>	Tony DiTullio, Council Jillian Edmondson, Council Val Pennington, Council	Cindy Bahn, DAS Andrea Contes, Financial Service Administrator Ben Gilberti, HRG Engineers Bryan Churilla, HRG Engineers
<b>Public Contributions on Agenda Items (5 minutes)</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ None</li> </ul>		
<b>Agenda Items – Reports:</b>		
<b>1</b>	<b>Police Department; Matt Sentner, Chief</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Chief Sentner reported that the courts are still closed, so there have not been any arrests.</li> </ul>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Fire Department; Jeff Wissner, Fire Marshal</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lt. Wissner reported that he had no report for the Fire Department.</li> <li>▪ He has been assisting the Emergency Operations Coordinator during the COVID-19 pandemic. Cases have mostly stabilized and are beginning to decrease. Several emergency operations positions have been created; Chief Sentner is acting as the Public Information Officer, while Lt. Jack Davin and Erik Concannon from the Borough's Public Works Department have been handling logistics. The Department currently has a good supply of supplies and equipment for first responders.</li> </ul>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Code Enforcement Department; Jim Delcroix, Code Enforcement, Zoning Officer</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr. Delcroix reported that written reports were submitted by Teri Howell. Ms. Bahn noted that they will be distributed with packets for the May 12 Pre-Council meeting.</li> </ul>	
<b>4</b>	<b>NorthWest Emergency Management Services</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No report was available.</li> </ul>	
<b>Unfinished Business:</b>		
<b>1</b>	<b>Allegheny County Hazard Mitigation Plan</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Both Mr. Wissner and EMC Mike Bookser will attend the May 6 webinar.</li> </ul>	

2	<p><b>Third Party Inspection Permits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ There have been some issues with BIU, particularly since Keith Coll left the company. Inspections have not been happening in a timely fashion, and there have been complaints from residents. Mr. Delcroix would like to see someone more professional in the position. Ms. Bahn stated that she would reach out to the regional manager for BIU and express concerns; a period to address issues will be provided.</li> </ul>
3	<p><b>No Knock List</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Chief Sentner reported that this is on the back burner for now.</li> </ul>
4	<p><b>Police and Fire Department Remodeling</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Chief Sentner stated that this is also on the back burner, and will be revisited during budget season.</li> </ul>
5	<p><b>Starr Avenue Traffic Safety</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ There are several issues with this intersection, primarily that a pedestrian walk light has failed. Chief Senter believes that a new box will be needed, and they are expensive. He suggested that if a new box needs to be installed, that a chirping alert be included so that the intersection is accessible to those with low vision.</li> <li>▪ Mr. Gilberti suggested that this could be an eligible project for a Multimodal Transportation Grant.</li> </ul>
6	<p><b>Fire Department Civil Service Hiring List</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ms. Bahn was asked to check with Lt. Davin about the status of this.</li> </ul>
7	<p><b>Route 65 &amp; West Riverview Traffic Pedestrian Signal</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Police Chief will provide reports on accidents at this intersection that could be used to support a grant application.</li> </ul>
<b>New Business:</b>	
1	<p><b>Traffic Signal Maintenance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Chief Sentner suggested that the Borough either contract for signal maintenance or train a Public Works employee to handle maintenance and repairs. This issue will be added to the agenda for the May Pre-Council meeting.</li> </ul>
2	<p><b>National Night Out Date Change</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ NATW, the organization that created National Night Out, is recommending that communities move the date from the first Tuesday in August to October 6 due to the pandemic. Committee meetings for that evening would need to be re-scheduled.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Public Contributions on Non-Agenda Items (2 minutes)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr. DiTullio asked about the status of improvements to the Police Department entrance; Chief Sentner responded that the new window will be installed on the evening of May 6.</li> </ul>	

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 7:40 pm

**Next Meeting:** June 2, 2020, 7:00 pm

Minutes approved by Bellevue Borough Council on May 26, 2020.