

Bellevue Borough Committee Meeting Minutes

Committee: Public Safety

Date:	07.07.2020	Location: Zoom Teleconference
Chair:	Anya Pikul	Time: 7:00 pm
Note Taker:	Cindy Bahn	
Members In Attendance:	Anya Pikul, Chair Jodi Cerminara, Council Amanda Sloane, Council	
Members Absent:		
Others In Attendance:	Matt Sentner, Police Chief Bill Hartman, Lt, Fire Department Cindy Bahn, DAS Andrea Contes, Financial Service Administrator	Carl Tuscan, NorthWest EMS
<p>Public Contributions on Agenda Items (5 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Amanda Hoch, 722 Shade Avenue: Would like to see speeding vehicles on her street addressed as she and neighbors have small children who are in danger; suggested a sign posting the speed limit or a police presence. Chief Sentner responded that the end of the street is in Avalon, and that a traffic study has not been done in the area. Stated that a “Watch Children” or similar sign could be posted, and that the Police Department will look into the situation. ▪ Erin Thompson, 317 Glaser Avenue: Stated that she has been complaining about speeding vehicles in her area, where junior and senior high school students walk to school and there are no sidewalks. Chief Sentner noted that the Police Department is not permitted to use radar for speed checks, but can use radar to collect data, such as dates, times, number of vehicles using the street, speed, etc. 		
Agenda Items – Reports:		
1	<p>Police Department; Matt Sentner, Chief</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chief Sentner stated that all items for his Department are on the agenda under “Unfinished Business” and “New Business”. 	
2	<p>Fire Department</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lt. Hartman did not provide a report, and no one was present from the Volunteer Fire Department. 	
3	<p>Code Enforcement Department</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The BCO, Jim Delcroix, was not available due to an emergency. 	
4	<p>NorthWest Emergency Management Services; Carl Tuscan, Chief of Operations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Tuscan noted that they are seeing an uptick in COVID-19 cases, and that responders are wearing masks on calls. ▪ The County is reactivating QRS. ▪ Ms. Bahn will provide a link to the next Public Safety Committee Zoom meeting to Carl Tuscan. 	

Unfinished Business:	
1	Traffic Signal Maintenance, Chief Sentner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chief Sentner has several quotes from companies to provide regular maintenance on traffic signals, including from the company who has been doing work on the signals. He will provide these for the Pre-Council meeting.
New Business:	
1	PennDOT Recommendations: Starr and Lincoln Avenues, Chief Sentner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PennDOT had extensive recommendations for the intersection of Starr and Lincoln Avenues. Mr. Gilberti suggested a Multimodal Transportation grant to replace the signal, and suggested that Public Works could refresh the crosswalk markings.
2	PennDot Recommendations: Riverview Avenue, Chief Sentner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The report basically stated that there is not much the Borough can do here.
3	Body Cams, Chief Sentner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chief Sentner noted that he had a line item in the budget for vehicle cameras, and would like to combine that purchase with the purchase of body cams so that the systems are integrated. He anticipates funding for this purpose in the 2021 Federal budget. The Police Chief would like to hold off on the purchase of vehicle cameras and roll those funds over to 2021 so that a grant application could be submitted in February or March of 2021 for body cams and the purchases could be coordinated.
4	Police Parking in Hawley Avenue Lot, Chief Sentner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Council received a complaint that there is a lack of space in the Hawley Avenue lot for the public and volunteer fire fighters to park because of police vehicles parked there. Chief Sentner stated that there are 2 or 3 cars parked in the spaces closest to the street, and signs have been posted on 2 meters indicating they are reserved for police use. He also stated that the lot is never more than half full, and wondered where police cars should be parked. Chief Sentner also noted that volunteer firefighters' vehicles will not be ticketed if they park at metered spaces.
5	Parking in Front of 65 North Jackson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms. Norris, who resides at this address, reported that there is only parking on one side of the street, which is opposite her home, and that it's difficult to juggle a child and groceries. She would like a parking pad in front of her house, as others on the block have done. Ms. Bahn will get further information from the Building Code Official and report back at the Pre-Council meeting.
6	Sidewalk Parking, Jodi Cerminara, Councilperson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms. Cerminara reported that people have been parking on the sidewalks in residential streets, which damages the sidewalk. Chief Sentner stated that officers will ticket anyone doing so.
7	Council Emails, Val Pennington, Council President <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr. Pennington stated that due to recent Right to Know requests, he would like to post Council emails on the Borough website in order to promote transparency and to ensure that accurate information is provided. He will bring this up at all July Committee meetings so that all Council members are aware.
Public Contributions on Non-Agenda Items (2 minutes): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Joe Scioscia, 256 Lincoln Avenue: Reported that a guide rail on Brighton Road needs to be replaced. 	

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:28 pm

Next Meeting: August 4, 2020, 7:00 pm

Minutes approved by Bellevue Borough Council on July 28, 2020.