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HEALTH & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 14, 2022 - 6:00 PM
Virtual Webex Meeting

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairperson Coalier
Trustee Brown
Trustee Haskins
Fire Chief Sullivan-Absent
Police Chief Morrillo-Absent
Lt. Acevedo
SORS Chief Rothstien
Ms. Davenport, Health Officer
Mr. Egelberg, OEM Coordinator
Mr. Battaglia, Village Engineer- Absent
Joycelyn White, Recording Secretary

Approval of Minutes

April 14, 2022

All members present approved the April 12, 2022 meeting minutes.

Public Comment

Ed Moore, S.O. Resident, expressed concern about the Board of Education's decision on limiting bus transportation for students. This would affect pedestrian safety and asked if SOPD has had any discussion with the BOE on plans to mitigate an issue with students crossing major streets. Lastly, Mr. Moore asked for an update on various street maintenance with regards to pedestrian safety.

In response to Mr. Moore, Lt. Acevedo stated the department has reached out to the BOE due to calls of concern received.

General Discussion

Quarterly Update



Trustee Coalier warmly welcomed and introduced Ms. Davenport as the new Health Officer. Ms. Davenport serves as the Health Officer in Maplewood as well, and is looking forward to coordinating with the two towns on various health services. Ms. Maini stated that she was excited about Ms. Davenport to be working in South Orange and detailed Ms. Davenports support working with the school district and daycare. Each department and trustee introduced themselves and briefly detailed their duties and how they could be of assistance to Ms. Davenport.

In regards to a verbal assault made by a resident to a village employee, Trustee Coalier briefly discussed the village's stance on intolerance towards this behavior. More on this matter will be discussed at the upcoming Board of Trustee meeting.

SORS

Chief Rothstien detailed call volume and increase in stand-bys. In response to Trustee Coalier, Chief Rothstien discussed the SORS roll in the fire department merger. The rescue squad has been tasked with covering Maplewood for the nights and weekends and secondary response during weekdays. RJW is the service provider during the weekdays. Trustee Coalier added that this current arrangement is applicable when coverage is at a minimum with the Fire Dept due to the summer season. Chief Rothstien thanked OEM Coordinator, Mr. Egelberg for his guidance in regard to his previous experience at SORS Captain. In response to Ms. Maini, Chief Rothstien stated that the plan wasn't for SORS ambulances to be stationed in Livingston, it was for RWJ units only.

Fire Department

In the absence of Chief Sullivan, Trustee Coalier briefly discussed the progress of the merger. The firefighters from each town have been joined together and everything is going well.

SOPD

Lt. Acevedo detailed the monthly calls, statistics and plans for the upcoming National Night Out event in August. In collaboration with RWJ and SOPAC will be hosting a blood drive at SOPAC on August 30, 2022. More information will be announced soon. Lt. Acevedo discussed the storage of crossing guards and plans to remedy the situation and the new crash reporting system. The new body-worn camera program is a work in progress. The department is learning new software and still awaiting various components that are currently not in production as yet. Trustee Coalier discussed SOPD promotions.

In response to Ms. Maini, Lt. Acevedo stated that there aren't any resident reprocutions in regards to car thefts when doors are not locked. Discussion



ensured. Trustee Coalier recommended this be discussed at the Community Police Collaborative.

OEM

Mr. Egelberg discussed working with a new FEMA Project Manager and compiling an itemized list of damage from each department. As mentioned earlier by Mr. Moore, the road surveying company will be provided a certified proposal of the road conditions.

Upcoming resolutions (e.g., vendor purchase orders, large (greater than \$5,000) items in the bills list) and /or ordinances.)

There were no upcoming Resolutions/ Ordinances discussed.

Special Items

There were no special items.

Report Questions

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

New Items

There were no new items.

Executive Session

There was no executive session.

Next Meeting Date

August 11, 2022, 6pm

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM.

Respectfully submitted, Joycelyn White, Recording Secretary