



HEALTH & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 8, 2022 - 6:00 PM
Virtual Webex Meeting

Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Approval of Minutes

- **May 12, 2022**
- **July 14, 2022**

The committee will approve the meeting minutes at the next meeting on October 13, 2022.

Public Comments

Annemarie Maini, S.O. Orange resident, asked the committee regarding the change of process in the fire drills conducted by the fire department.

Trustee Coalier stated that she will follow up with the Acting Administrator, Ms.Doran.

General Discussion

Mobility-pedestrian , bike, and traffic safety

Traffic Safety/Engineering

Lt. Acevedo stated the department is in communication with the Board of



Education and discussed the cancellation of bus transportation for students. Lt. Acevedo further detailed concerned residents' request for a hazardous routes evaluation and discussed process for such evaluation. The police department has enlisted help from Safe Streets NJ, who specialize in pedestrian and bike safety in NJ. This organization will be to provide a resource for the department with things they cannot cover. Safe Streets NJ has offered to conduct a virtual town hall to discuss safety for children walking and biking and how other towns who are in the same situation are handling this change. Lt. Acevedo mentioned that Safe Street NJ also offered to come in person to any school that requests a special seminar with parents and offered to assist with an audit including Maplewood. Lt. Avecevo explained traffic audits.

In other traffic safety updates, Lt. Acevedo announced additional flags would be distributed along different crosswalks and discussed increased traffic enforcement during school hours.

Trustee Coalier added that the South Orange Mobility Committee (SOMC) is focused on pedestrian/biking and traffic calming and looking for volunteers. In response to Trustee Coalier, Lt. Acevedo detailed the meeting with Ms. Flath, who is the chair of SOMC. The committee will be assisting the police department with tailoring information on the traffic document, so residents can easily understand. Lt. Acevedo added that the department is going to enlist SOMC to help passout pamphlets and reflective bracelets to pedestrians on Sloan Street. The committee discussed educating the residents on installing crosswalks and stop signs.

In response to Trustee Coalier, Mr. Battaglis discussed the village wide striping contract. The project will start in two weeks and all the work will be done at night. In response to Ms. Maini, Mr. Battaglia that the roadway repairs do not include the gaslights. Discussion ensued.

OEM

Mr. Egelberg updated the committee on the FEMA walkthrough and stated the FEMA repairs will coincide with the projects Mr. Battaglia mentioned.

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

Mr. Battaglia discussed an upcoming resolution awarding a bid for Mayhew Court. The contract will be \$400,000. In response to Trustee Coalier, Mr. Battaglis stated this is part of the FEMA repairs.

Special Items

There were no special items.



Report Questions

Health

Ms. Davenport highlighted the upcoming Health & Wellness event on Saturday, September 10, 2022, from 10am-2pm, in front of the firehouse on Sloan St. Ms. Davenport discussed the new omnicom vaccine and the closure of the Essex County Livingston Mall vaccine location.

SORS

In response to Trustee Coalier, Chief Rothstien discussed meeting with South Essex Fire requesting an additional vehicle to assist with call volume and donations to offset the cost of covering Maplewood. The rescue squad has received the vehicle but the donation has not been further discussed as of yet.

OEM

Mr. Egelberg detailed the new project at the police building to repair damage from Tropical Storm Ida, and a FEMA walkthrough to show not only potential repairs and mitigation. The committee discussed insurance coverage, reimbursements, and total cost.

SOPD

Lt. Acevedo detailed the monthly report submitted to the committee, such as call for service and busiest day of the week. For more information please see the report attached.

New Items

There were no new items.

Public Comment

There was no public comments.

Executive Session

There was no executive session.

Next Meeting Date

October 13, 2022; 6pm

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Joycelyn White, Recording Secretary