



HEALTH & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 - 6:00 PM
Virtual Webex Meeting

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairperson Lewis-Chang
Trustee Jones- **Absent**
Trustee Greenberg
Police Chief Morrillo
Capt. Acevedo
SORS Chief Rothstein
Ms. Davenport, Health Officer
Mr. Egelberg, OEM Coordinator
Mr. Battaglia, Village Engineer
Joycelyn White, Recording Secretary

Also in Attendance

Officer Jose Albino
Sgt. Lonero

Public Comments

The Chair opens the meeting for public comments.

Demetri Sparks, expressed concerns regarding Academy Street traffic and pedestrian/children's safety. Mr. Sparks asked for information on the process to conduct a traffic study on Academy Street.

Members of the Police Dept. detailed the process of conducting a traffic study and plans for enforcement.

Julia Flath, Chair of the Walk, Bike, Ride Committee, since the school year has begun Ms. Flath asked about crossing guard hours.

General Discussion



- **Health Department Report**
- **OEM Report**
- **Rescue Squad Report**
- **Police Dept./Traffic Report**

Health Department

Ms. Davenport thanked everyone who attended the health fair this past Saturday and detailed the event. Ms. Davenport discussed upcoming interviews for the crisis intervention social worker position and the new covid monovalent vaccine approved by the FDA. The state and county are waiting to receive the vaccine but it will be available at the local Walgreens and CVS. Lastly, Ms. Davenport discussed the draft chicken coupe and rodent ordinance. It is still under review and will circulate to the committee prior to formal introduction to the BOT. Trustee Lewis-Chang added that the Stride for your Mind walk was very successful and plans to have it again at the next health fair.

OEM Report

Mr. Egelberg announced to the committee that all the tropical storm projects had been completed and detailed funds received. Mr. Egelberg discussed the mitigation submission for the DPW building. If approved, the village will be able to get a generator. The emergency operation plan has been completed. Lastly, the OEM coordinator and Administration staff met with our state representative to discuss new protocols for reimbursement for natural disasters. In response to Trustee Lewis-Chang, Mr. Egelberg stated that West End Rd is the last remaining road to be repaired.

SORS

Chief Rothstien reported statistics for the months of July and August. For details on that report please see attached. The Rescue Squad attend various events in the Village, Jersey City, Newark and Verona. Chief Rothstein stated that even though the SORS attend various events, there was no lack of coverage in Maplewood/South Orange. The Rescue Squad conducted community classes and received certification through the Department of Defence to run Stop the Bleed courses. In response to Trustee Lewis-Chang, Chief Rothstien stated that the rescue squad received very minimal drug-related calls.

Police Dept./Traffic Report

Chief Morillo briefed the committee on the transfer of duties within the department. In response to Mr. Sparks' earlier comments, Capt. Acevedo stated that the department would do another traffic study on Academy Street and discuss the process. Capt Acevedo assured Mr. Sparks that even before the study is done, the department will deploy officers in that area for enforcement in the



meantime. Officer Albino added that the survey has been deployed. The department will have results in about two weeks. In response to Ms. Flath's earlier comments, Sgt. Lonero stated that the department had addressed four school posts and adjusted the hours. Chief Morillo discussed monthly statistics and traffic safety with the addition of Seton Hall students.

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

The committee discussed the upcoming resolution for purchasing cameras.

Report Questions

There were no additional report questions.

Public Comments

Lisa Parla, discussed traffic concerns on Academy Street and shared the location of where there is most activity on the street.

Ed Moore asked Ms. Davenport if the village is giving out the new covid monovalent vaccine similar to how COVID-19 vaccine was distributed. Ms. Davenport stated that residents would have to get the vaccine from their doctor or look out for announcements through the county.

Next Meeting Date

October 10, 2023; 6pm

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35PM.

Respectfully submitted, Joycelyn White, Recording Secretary