



HEALTH & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 9, 2024 - 6:00 PM
Virtual Webex Meeting

Call to Order and Roll Call

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

General Discussion

Health Department Report

Mrs. Davenport discussed the following:

- Drug Take Back Day - April 27, 2024
- Crisis Intervention Social Worker update
- Quarterly reporting for the NJACCHO Grant - Health Department Services
- Submission of the Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity Grant

In response to Trustee Jones, Mrs. Davenport detailed the uses of the Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity Grant. In the past, it was used for equipment, supplies and staffing. Currently, the focus is used for workforce capacity, data, modernization of public health and provision of services.

- Repair Cafe- May 19, 2024 at The Baird Community Center.

OEM Report

Coordinator Egelberg discussed the following:

- Tropical Storm Ida projects update - All Ida projects are finished. The last item to complete is to submit documentation for roads and receive



reimbursement. The village is anticipating roughly \$3,000,000 more in reimbursements for repairs to the road.

- The village received \$334,000+ for a generator for The Department of Public Works.
- On April 5th, there was a 4.8 earthquake. There was no damage or injuries reported in South Orange.

Rescue Squad Report

Chief Rothstein highlighted the following items in the SORS Report:

- SORS hosts a cub scout troop and instructs them in basic CPR for their First Aid badge. - SORS stands-by at the Columbia High School Track Team 5K and the "A Boogie Wit Da Hoodie" concert at Seton Hall University.
- Two SORS ambulances responded to I-280W in East Orange for a multi-car collision involving NJSP officers/vehicles. SORS ambulances treated and transported four patients, three of them in life-threatening condition. When both ambulances began to depart the scene with the patients onboard, the ambulance service that provides 9-1-1 response to East Orange arrived.
- Through a partnership with the South Orange-Maplewood Health Department, SORS has provided a "Make The Right Call" banner which is now hung on our building and visible from the train trestle and residents walking along Sloan Street.
- SORS runs the third installment of the EMS Physician Lecture series.
- South Orange Rescue Squad Run & Walk - May 19, 2024.

For more details on Chief Rothstein's report, please see attached.

Police Department Report

Captain Acevedo discussed the following items:

- Upcoming Blood Drive
- Submission of the "Click-it or Ticket" Grant and Pedestrian Safety Grant



- In honor of Autism Awareness month: South Orange Police Department vs Seton Hall Women's Basketball Game

Chief Morillo discussed the following items:

- Monthly Statistics (Part-1 Crimes, Calls of Service, thefts)
- SOPD obtained a Grant in the amount of \$55,000 for License Plate Readers
- New Hire and staffing
- April 5th Earthquake

Traffic/Engineering Report

In the absence of Mr. Battaglia's, Trustee Lewis-Chang read the engineer's report to the committee. The report detailed the following items:

- Upgraded Handicap Ramps on Hamilton Road and Kingman Road. There is now a dedicated crosswalk. The intersection between these streets will be paved later this month.
- West End Road update: awaiting contracts to start construction. Mr. Battaglia anticipates construction to start in May.
- Public works are currently inspecting crosswalks that are in need of striping upgrades. This list will be apart of the striping contract for later in the year.
- Upcoming street paving on the following streets: Prospect Street, N. Ridgewood Road, Mead Street, and Wilden Place. Necessary striping will be done, and all existing crosswalks will be upgraded to high-visibility crosswalks.

Walk, Bike Ride South Orange Committee Update

Mr. Moore detailed a list of concerns discussed at the WBRSO meeting.

- Academy Height Road Audit

In response to Ms. Flath, the Trustee's explained that the engineer followed up with an individual resident apart from the neighborhood association regarding specific questions and there wasn't a "justification report" created or shared.

Public Comments

**The Chair opens the meeting for public comments.
(comments are limited to 3 minutes)**

There were no public comment.



Next Meeting Date

May 14, 2024; 6pm

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15PM.

Respectfully submitted, Joycelyn White, Recording Secretary