



HEALTH & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024 - 6:00 PM
Virtual Webex Meeting

Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Approval of Minutes

April 22, 2024

The committee will approve April 22, 2024, at the next Health & Public Safety Meeting in June.

General Discussion

Health Department Report

In the absence of Mrs. Davenport, Councilwoman Lewis-Chang read the Health Officers report:

- Working on a mental health awareness month proclamation
- Mrs. Davenport met with Councilwoman Lewis-Chang and Deb and Liz from BOE re: things we can do to help address mental health in schools. If people are experiencing emotional distress due to the NJT fatality and need immediate assistance, please have them call the Suicide and Crisis Hotline, 988. They provide counseling support not only for those who are contemplating suicide but also for those impacted.
- Rabies vaccination clinic , Sun. June 2nd , 11 am-1 pm at the SEFD Headquarters on Sloan St. We are putting up an A-frame on Sloan St circle to advertise, but please help spread the word.



- At the last BOH meeting there was a resolution on accepting the NJDOH Strengthening Local Public Health Capacity Grant, the first time South Orange will be receiving this grant which will help to ensure health department services.

OEM Report

OEM Coordinator Egelberg has received updated Emergency Guidebooks that will be distributed to SOPD and SORS. Mr. Egelberg is submitting the quarterly grant reports for NJEM.

For more details on the OEM report, please see attached.

Rescue Squad Report

Chief Rothstein highlighted the following items from the April report:

- The Rescue Squad attended various events in South Orange
- The Rescue Squad ran a new member orientation, a free pet CPR Class, nine CPR classes, and EMS Physician CEU class.
- Seven SORS members attend the Operations level water rescue course and become certified in performing water rescue. An additional four members of the water rescue team require the class for a total of 11 certified water rescue personnel on SORS.

For more details on the SORS report, please see attached.

Police Department Report

Captain Acevedo discussed the following:

- Calls for service
- Tier 1 Calls
- Part-1 crime statistics

Traffic/Engineering Report

In the absence of the Village Engineer, Councilwoman Lewis-Chang read his report:

- Mr. Battaglia is working toward completing the designs for Vose Avenue and Lenox in order to send to NJDOT for review by the end of this month.
- The Village has signed contracts for West End and is now coordinating a pre-construction meeting. Mr. Battaglia is trying to schedule that for sometime within the next two weeks, and then the contractor indicated that they are ready to go. The same contractor is working on Redmond and Kingman, and in constant contact.



- Mr. Battaglia met with Public Works today regarding installing handrails on the three staircases on Sloan Plaza. This is a result of updated regulations requiring railings.
- The County is proceeding with their paving and ADA upgrades on SO Avenue and Irvington Avenue. Note that the brick crosswalks at Ward & Irvington Avenue which have long been a source of frustration have been removed and replaced with temporary pavement (as have other brick crosswalks in other locations). Once the roadway is fully paved, it will be finished, paved and striped.
- NJDOT has officially announced their FY 2025 Municipal Aid Grant program. The Village will be seeking funding for South Ridgewood Avenue from the vicinity of West End to West Third. We will be proposing pedestrian improvements such as bumpouts and islands where applicable.

Walk,Bike Ride South Orange Committee Update

There were no reports.

Public Comments

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

Mr. Moore asked about County road work notifications and if SORS can access candidates that PD did not use.

Executive Session

The committee did not have an executive session.

Next Meeting Date

June 11, 2024; 6pm

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted, Joycelyn White, Recording Secretary