



HEALTH & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 8, 2025 - 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 Chieft Rothstein
Ms. Davenport, Health Officer
Mr. Egelberg, OEM Coordinator
Mr. Battaglia, Village Engineer
Joycelyn White, Recording Secretary

Approval of Minutes

March 11, 2025

The committee approved the March 11, 2025, meeting minutes by all members present.

General Discussion

Health Department Report

Ms. Davenport reported on the following items:

- National Public Health Week
- CDC Drug Free Communities Grant
- Jr. Police Academy efforts
 - Navigating Federal Grant Programming Training
 - Love My Pup event in partnership with Meadowland Conservancy- April 26, 2025
 - National Autism Acceptance Month Proclamation

Ms. Davenport discussed a fire alarm incident at the high school set off by a vape. This has become a big issue and is rising among middle school students. In



regard to the grant, it is Ms. Davenport hopes to do a drug prevention and tobacco use program. Ms. Davenport discussed further federal grants/funding.

OEM Report

Mr. Egelberg reported on the following items:

- Tropic Storm Ida reimbursement update.
- South Orange Hazard Mitigation Plan

- The First Draft is available for review on the Village website until April 4, 2025.

- County Meeting on March 18, 2025.

Rescue Squad Report

Chief Rothstein highlighted a few items from the monthly report, please see attached.

- SORS crew delivered a healthy baby boy.
- SORS hosted multiple CPR and First Aid classes throughout the month, including a class that was in collaboration with Seton Hall University Pre-Professional Advising Center.
- Recapped two new member orientation and squadwide meeting.
- SORS has begun the process of switching medical direction from RWJBarnabas to Rutgers/University Hospital.

Police Department Report

• Mental Health Advocate Update

Captain Acevedo discussed the following items from the March monthly report:

- Response times,
- Busiest day of the week,
- Part one crime statistics
- Year to date and Clearance rate
- SOPD is collaborating with Seton Hall University for a basketball game in May. Details will be announced soon.
- Mobile Global Entry and DMV event at the SOPD Headquarters. Details will be announced soon.

Capt. Acevedo discussed calls regarding mental health and responded to by the MHA Clinician. The clinician did follow up with the individuals. In response to Chair Lewis-Chang, Capt. Acevedo discussed plans for traffic enforcement and traffic studies.



Traffic/Engineering Report

Mr. Battaglia discussed the following items:

- Authorization to publish bid for West Montrose

The committee discussed the construction of West Montrose timeline and bike lanes.

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]**

David Downs, asked the Village Engineer if he was aware and had an update of the plans to make Church Street a one-way street?

Mr. Battaglia stated to Mr. Downs that the plans for Church Street were conceptual plans and they are not final plans.

Next Meeting Date

May 13, 2025; 6pm.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM.

Respectfully submitted, Joycelyn White, Recording Secretary