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HEALTH & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 9, 2021 - 6:00 PM
Virtual Webex Meeting

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairperson Coallier
Trustee Brown-**Absent**
Trustee Haskins
Fire Chief Sullivan
Interim Police Chief, Capt. Dolinac
Lt. Acevedo
SORS Chief Rothstien
Mr. Festa, Health Officer
Mr. Egelberg, OEM Coordinator
Mr. Battaglia, Village Engineer
Joycelyn White, Recording Secretary

Approval of Minutes

- o **October 14, 2021**
- o **November 4, 2021**

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

Report Summary & Questions, Follow Up and New Items

General (Impacts all)

2022 Capital and Operating Budget Request

South Orange Police Department

Capt Dolinac discussed the following capital request for the police department for 2022:

- Funds allocated for facility upkeep
- Underground Storage Tanks (Gasoline/Diesel)- Remove or Remediate.



- Capt. Dolinac highlighted the benefit of having storage tanks and recommends repairing the tanks to the standards of the DEP.

- Body-Worn Camera Storage Equipment

- In response to Trustee Coalier, Capt. Dolinac stated that the I.T. Director is currently working on quotes for the equipment, but for the program the department would need 40 terabytes.

- Firearms- \$40,899.00
- Portable Traffic Counters- \$9,000
- Fixed/ Semi-permanent Traffic Counter- \$6,300
- Replace existing automatic license plate reader\$24,029
- Towable equipment trailer - \$13,300
- Furniture for the next Police Chief's office-\$15,000

- Capt. Dolinac discussed post- Ida vehicle shortages and detailed the police cars purchased through the Enterprise Management Program for the detective bureau. In response to Trustee Coalier, Capt. Dolinac stated previously that vehicles were purchased through the capital budget but, by moving that to the operating budget allows the department to take advantage of the manufacturer's purchasing time. The Committee discussed the pros and cons of electric vehicles.

Capt Dolinac discussed the following operating budget requests for the police department for 2022:

- Increase in training budget

- Capt. Dolinac detailed training specifically for best practices for body-worn cameras and mental wellness for the officers.

- Hire six additional officers
- Hire an I.T. professional for the police department only.

South Orange Rescue Squad

Chief Rothstein reported that the rescue squad had ordered an ambulance and are currently looking into various medical devices that have come onto the market for possible purchase or purchase through grants. At this time, there are no major expenses in the near future. However, the Chief stated that due to high call volume, the rescue squad might look into a first response vehicle.



Health Department

Mr. Festa discussed the minor changes in the department's operating budget regarding personnel and Covid-19 activity. For more information regarding the Board of Health Report please see attached.

First responder radio updates

Trustee Coallier stated that the Board of Trustees is looking to improving the radio reception in the village and possibly working with the state to amplify antennas around the town. This would be a multi-jurisdiction process that has been underway for some time. Another solution that has been adopted in other towns is installing "booster" equipment to put in the deputy chief's vehicle. A resolution will be before the BOT either this Monday or the following meeting, requiring the village department to communicate the lack of reception issue to the commercial building owners. Trustee Coallier further explained that a radio test would be included in the fire inspections. Presently there is a code in place that requires all new buildings to address reception issues during the construction process.

Public Comments

Annemarie Maini, South Orange Resident, thanked Capt. Dolinanc for this report and expressed how important the additional wellness training would be beneficial to the department. Ms. Maini forwarded grant opportunities to Trustee Coallier for this type of training. Ms. Maini discussed the maintenance and day-to-day practice of training. And supports Capt. Dolinac recommendations for the HVAC and sewer work. In regards to the fixed location license plate camera, Ms. Maini asked how it would overlap with the surveillance cameras the village installed and would it provide separate data? Lastly, Ms. Maini recommended, along with hiring an I.T. professional to also hire a Data Anyalsis.

New Items

There were no new items.

Executive Session

There was no executive session.

Next Meeting Date

January 13, 2022



Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Joycelyn White, Recording Secretary