

MEETING MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 4, 2020
VIRTUAL WEBEX MEETING

CALL: The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Chairman Hughes.

ROLL CALL: Chairman Hughes, Trustee Myers, Trustee Pieper and Trustee Wing.

Also present were Police Chief Snow, Fire Chief Delain, Clerk Braunschweig, Administrator Kreklow, Trustee Zabel.

PUBLIC COMMENT: no discussion

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: a motion was made by Myers, seconded by Wing, to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2020 Public Safety Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT: Snow reported on the following:

- Thefts are up from 2019
- Family Trouble reports are slightly increased
- Domestic reports are down
- Regarding COVID-19, the goal of the police department is to gain voluntary compliance and so far no citations have been issued for violating the shut down order
- Phone calls have been received from business owners and residents who had questions on what was allowed
- 2 new officers will finish the academy this week, both are doing very well and will begin the Field Training Program next week
- Myers expressed his appreciation for the sign board placed at the recycling center
- Wing mentioned the current policy for bars/restaurants and if they are open for carryout orders, he questioned whether any warnings have been issued, Snow responded the department is not randomly checking establishments for compliance, but do respond if there is a complaint or concern called in
- Pieper asked if there was any information regarding swimming pools and if they would be allowed to open, Snow advised he had heard nothing specific to pools but could check with WEDC for updated information

FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT: Delain reported on the following:

- Their calls for service numbers are similar to last year's
- Requests have been received for department drive-bys for birthday parties, they are now restricting those responses for children 10 and under
- Ladder truck is still having issues, just repaired hydraulics for the cab tilt
- Discussions have been held with Rim's Edge Orchard regarding a possible house burn training

- Myers asked if there was information regarding businesses which would be opening, Delain stated there were some which were looking at opening
- Miller asked about the new ambulance, Delian advised it was ordered in February, specs were done last week and it would likely be July or August before finished
- Delain noted they currently have an ambulance dedicated to transfers/care of COVID-19 related calls in order to avoid any cross-contamination
- Zabel questioned the latest numbers for COVID-19 cases, Delain advised there were 22 cases and 4 deaths in Germantown, he added the information they currently receive only indicates the address of confirmed cases
- Pieper questioned whether the address locations are in clusters or spread out, Delain advised there were clusters around Virginia Highlands, Gables, remainder were spread out

OVERTIME REPORTS:

Police Department – Snow advised the overtime numbers are tracking well but will likely show an increase later when the numbers from being two officers short come through. It is anticipated that the new officers should be added to regular staffing by early fall.

Fire Department – Delain advised that they also were working short staffed due to a retirement but have since filled that position as of May 2nd and should be back to full staff moving forward.

POLICY UPDATES FOR POLICE & FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Police Department - none

Fire Department – none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 1, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Recorded by,

Julie L. Barth
Secretary