



Yeadon Public Safety Meeting
Saturday, June 27, 2020
PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Mayor Hepkins, Chief Paparo, Chief Diienno, Director Stokes, Tom Abrams, Director Wilkinson, Nia Bullock, Dr. McCabe, Darlene Walker, Nafis Nichols

Opened with prayer by Dr. McCabe

Mayor

Opening Remarks by Mayor Hepkins – Thanks everyone for getting on the call.

Mayor Hepkins: Discussed Borough reopening meeting that was held on Tuesday June 23rd and provided a quick recap of that meeting.

Police

Operating at full capacity. Lost a part time officer to a full time position to Haverford Township. Mayor and Chief are working to replace that position after the COVID response. There is a business operating above capacity, PD and CODE are working collectively on fixing that issue. Waiting on the Dept of Agriculture about the public garden. Going to sit on Delco Police Reform Task Force. 2 protests. 1 was supposed to be anti-police but actually transformed to a meaningful conversation. The second was by Penn Wood Students on Flag Day and was very police and community friendly. Invoices have been tracked for civil arrests. There were 2 cases of vandalism during unrest.

Mayor Hepkins and Chief Paparo

Fireworks have been largely a national issue. There has been a 3000% increase in complaints. There are a lot of reasons for it, one is that fireworks have been legalized in the state of PA and on top of COVID response. Warning and confiscation on first offense, citation on a 2nd response. Many firework stores have been looted, thus created more easily access to them. A lot of next-door posts (150' from residences or businesses). A lot of noise is from surrounding areas, but there are many here in Yeadon.

Fire

The Fire company handled 67 fire calls and 188 EMS calls in May. Operating as normal, seeing a return to normal call volume since prior to COVID-19.

Code

Code hand delivered letters about green stage requirements to all businesses. Churches were not included but will be taken care of on Monday June 29th

Library

Darlene: New director starts on July 6th. Library is not open currently, only doing curbside pick-up, until further notice. Chief Paparo inquired if there were any new issues with residents using the internet Wifi outside of the library.

Public Works

Discussed the trash cans in union ave park.

Comments

- Doloros McCabe: Discussion about the ordinance for fireworks. Get the ordinance posted. Discussion about noise complaints. Chief Paparo is going to stop and see the resident on Monday that Dr McCabe was talking about.
- Tom Abrams: State legislation is trying to adjust accordingly.

Finance - update on cameras. Lights on borough hall. Both are being updated now that we are in green zone. Mayor Hepkins emphasized how important the lights at borough hall are.

Solicitor - No report

Meeting closed with benediction by Dr. McCabe