

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH
AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, May 4, 2022, 8:00 a.m.**

Members Present:

Scott Lewis, Chair
James Tyrrell, Trustee

Staff Present:

Chief Brian Budds, Chief of Police
Chief Mike Kelly, Chief of Fire & EMS
Deputy Chief Brian Scott, Deputy Chief of Fire & EMS
Susan Depner, Administrative Services Coordinator, Police

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. on May 4, 2022.

2. Roll Call

Present were Scott Lewis, Chair, and James Tyrrell, Trustee. Also present were Chief Mike Kelly, Fire & EMS, Chief Brian Budds, Police, Deputy Chief Scott, Fire & EMS, and Susan Depner, Police Administrative Services Coordinator.

3. Approval of Minutes – April 6, 2022

MOTION: Trustee Tyrrell made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2022 meeting. Chair Lewis seconded the motion and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

4. Public Comment

None.

5. National Police Week Proclamation – May 11 to May 17

Chief Budds explained that the Police Department annually acknowledges National Police Week, which honors fallen officers and the profession itself. It is a tradition to read our proclamation into the record at the Board meeting. This year, Chief Budds asks that the proclamation be read at the May 9, 2022 Board meeting.

6. Western Springs Police Special Event – May 13

Chief Budds explained that this first annual event will be held on May 13 from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on the north side of the Tower Green. He thanked Selmin Cicek and Sue Depner for their help in creating the flyer and organizing the event. The event will showcase vehicles, feature the Chief and several officers, as well as bike officers, feature McGruff the Crime Dog, have an ice cream truck giving away ice cream, and other giveaways.

7. National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week – May 15 to May 21

Chief Kelly explained that the Fire Department annually recognizes National Emergency Medical Services Week, which includes the department's firefighters, EMTs, and paramedics. It also recognizes the Fire Department's partners, including doctors, nurses, and educators. Chief Kelly asks that the proclamation be read at the May 9, 2022 Board meeting.

8. Summary of Longmeadow Lane Fire

Chief Kelly provided a summary of the fire that occurred April 13, 2022, at 2 p.m., in the 1000 block of Longmeadow Lane. The Police Department arrived first and reported heavy smoke. The Fire Department crew were on assignment at Forest Hills School when the call came in. They responded and Chief Kelly and Deputy Chief Scott also responded from Station 1. Pleasantview and Hinsdale also immediately responded. The Fire Department then called for additional assistance and 5 additional companies responded. No one was home at the time of the fire. The fire was advanced at the time of the Fire Department's arrival. The Fire Department first attacked the fire on the exterior, then sent crews inside to fight the fire. At this time, the Fire Department increased the level of alarm again, which brought additional companies. Approximately 10 departments were on the scene altogether. The fire was extinguished without spreading to other houses and a fire investigation was begun. A team consisting of WSFD and other departments was compiled. It was determined that an electrical fault with a piece of exercise equipment caused the fire, specifically a pinched electrical cord that heated up over time. There was a fire hydrant at the cul-de-sac that was out of service. Trustee Tyrrell received a call about this from a resident. Chief Kelly explained that the hydrant was marked as out-of-service when the Fire Department arrived. They used a hydrant further down Longmeadow Lane, approximately 300 feet away from the out-of-service hydrant. Chief Kelly explained that Municipal Services regularly checks hydrants and will mark them out-of-service and repair them. That particular hydrant has been serviced since the fire and is now working. Chair Lewis and Trustee Tyrrell both praised the Fire Department for their good work.

9. Other Business

None.

10. Adjournment

MOTION: Trustee Tyrrell made a motion to adjourn. Chair Lewis seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was approved by a unanimous vote at 8:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Depner
Administrative Services Coordinator