

MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose and function of the City of Warren Crime Commission shall be to bridge the gap between law enforcement, city council, government and the community.

WARREN CRIME COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 01, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rex Marshall	Y		Mike Riley	Y	
Sumon Kobir	Y		Jay Jackson		N
Tracy Antrikin	Y		Najim Ahmed	Y	
Angela Middleswart	Y				
Gena Benson		N			

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:

Captain Reichling		N
Garry Watts	Y	
Caitlin Murphy	Y	
Captain Rushton	Y	

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Marshall called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Riley led the attendees in the Pledge of the Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion by Commissioner Middleswart, seconded by Commissioner Kobir to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Commissioner Riley would like to add "Paper Reduction" to New Business. A motion by Commissioner Riley, seconded by Commissioner Middleswart, to approve the Agenda with the addition to New Business. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC MEETING: Johnathan Rogoff attended tonight's meeting to see what is discussed at a Crime Commission meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: Commissioner Antrikin read a letter from McWarm Clothing Closet thanking Commissioner Marshall and Assistant Secretary Martin for delivering the bags to the McWarm Center at St. Margaret's of Scotland.

Also, a Warren resident requested a tax deductible donation receipt for items donated to the McWarm Clothing Closet.

CAPTAIN REICHLING REPORT: Captain Reichling has been promoted to Deputy Commissioner and Captain Rushton becomes our new liaison and reviewed the current crime trends in the City of Warren along with upcoming events.

EX-OFFICIO GARRY WATTS'S REPORT: Absent.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Commissioner Middleswart distributed the Treasurer's Report for the month of January. We do not have any Current Written PO's. Current Encumbrances consists of: Contractual Services. Spending for January consisted of: DTE, Warren Water, State of Michigan Gas, Petty Cash and Banquet Award reimbursement. A motion by Commissioner Ahmed, seconded by Commissioner Antrikin to approve the Treasurer's Reports for the month of January. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Middleswart distributed a Community Promotion Funds excel spreadsheet containing items that need to be order to restock our inventory. Community Promotions currently has \$7,216. Please note that we are capped at \$5,000 per fiscal year per vendor. Therefore, items will be purchased from 4Imprint and Bob's Specialty. The total proposed amount is \$6,978.95. A motion by Commissioner Antrikin, seconded by Commissioner Riley to have the Community Promotion budget not to exceed \$6.978.95. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Commissioner Marshall asked Assistant City Attorney Murphy to confirm the process needed to address attendance of a Commissioner. After a brief discussion it was determined that an "Attendance Report" will need to be added to next month's agenda under New Business. Chairman Marshall will draft a letter to the Mayor, supporting the case and quote the By-Laws. This letter will need to be certified mail to the Commissioner in question. A motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Riley, to have Commissioner Marshall approach the Mayor regarding the attendance of a Commissioner and request the removal of that Commissioner from the Crime Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Blanket Drive: Commissioner Marshall stated the last all the boxes have been picked up and the last batch of clothes were delivered.

Law Enforcement Day: Commissioner Marshall delivered five dozen donuts and dropped them off around 7:15 a.m. for the Police Department and for the Dispatchers.

Church Warming Center Services 2023: Commissioner Marshall stated that prior to covid the Crime Commission was active with St. Faustina's when they hosted the Warming Center Services. During covid everything was put on hold until further notice. Some Warren churches are now returning to hosting the Warming Center Services. I am looking for feedback to see if this is something the Crime Commission is interested in helping with? After a brief discussion it was decided that we currently do not have enough members to help the Warren churches.

NEW BUSINESS:

Paper Reduction: Commissioner Riley applauded Commissioner Middleswart's efforts with the Treasurer's Report and all the copies them make for everyone each month. To save Commissioner Middleswart time, Commissioner Riley would like to propose that Commissioner Middleswart make three copies. One for record keeping and the other two copies we can share or pass around.

QUORUM Q & A: None.

Roundtable:

Martin: Nothing new to report.

Ahmed: I would like to stay with this organization for another term.

Marshall: Commissioner Ahmed sent a letter to Mayor Fouts asking to be reinstated for another two years on the Crime Commission. Thank you for being on our team.

Murphy: I witnessed the fastest verdict in history. The Jurors went into recess and returned with a verdict in thirty seconds. Also, Judge Steve Bieda will take the bench this week.

Rushton: Nothing further to report.

Riley: Nothing new to report.

Kobir: Nothing further to report.

Antrikin: Nothing new to report.

Middleswart: I will be having surgery the day before our next meeting. I would like to be able to attend our March meeting either via phone or computer, is this possible? Assistant Attorney Murphy stated that it can be done.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion by Commissioner Antrikin, seconded by Commissioner Middleswart to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Our next Meeting will be on March 01, 2023 @ 6:00 pm. at the Warren Crime Commission building – 5959 Beebe Street

Commissioner Riley has housekeeping duties for the month of March.

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Martin - Secretary's Assistant