

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 October 04, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:

Captain Rushton	Y	
Garry Watts	Y	
Caitlin Murphy	Y	

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Riley to approve the Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion by Commissioner Antrikin, seconded by Commissioner Riley with discussion by Commissioner Middleswart and Assistant Secretary Martin to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Middleswart would like to add under New Business "Monthly meeting with Police Dept", "Promotion Swearing in of New Officers", and "Training – October 11th". Assistant Secretary Martin would like to add under New Business "Unwrap Blinkie Lights". The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC MEETING: Mr. and Mr. Diedo stopped by to discuss the speeding and the drag racing that is going on in their area. Captain Rushton stated that he will get a Police Officer to monitor that area.

Ms. Cuneo stopped by to see how one of our Crime Commission meeting run.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

CAPTAIN RUSHTON'S REPORT: Captain Rushton reviewed the current crime trends in the City of Warren along with upcoming events. Commissioner Marshall stated that he has received some complaints regarding a home in the 14,000 block of Martin. After a brief discussion, Assistant Attorney Murphy stated that she will check with zoning. She also suggested to Commissioner Marshall to go on the City of Warren's website and file a Q-Alert.

EX-OFFICIO GARRY WATTS'S REPORT: Ex-Officio Watts reviewed the current events with the City of Warren Council.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Commissioner Kobir distributed September's Treasurer's Reports. We do not have any Current Written PO's. Current Encumbrances consists of: The Gazebo and Contractual Services. Spending for September consists of: Gas, City of Warren, Electric and Contractual Services. Petty Cash is at \$100.00. Commissioners Marshall and Riley submitted receipts for reimbursement. A motion by Commissioner Riley, seconded by Commissioner Antrikin to approve the Treasurer's Reports for the month of September. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Commissioners Middleswart and Jackson attended September 12th City Council Meeting and expressed how the Crime Commission would like to partner with the residents of Warren, the local schools and the Police and Fire Departments.

Also on October 4th, Commissioners Middleswart and Jackson met with Police Commissioner Dwyer to determine what would be the best way to utilize the Crime Commission to its fullest potential. There will be follow up meetings in the future.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Gena Benson Key:

Commissioner Riley stated that he has not received any response from Ms. Benson. Commissioner Riley suggested a letter to be issued by the Police Department. Captain Rushton offered to pay Ms. Benson a visit personally. Assistant Secretary Martin will email Captain Rushton her address.

Crime Commission Appreciation Dinner:

Assistant Secretary Martin stated that she has been making calls and sending out emails. Currently we have 61 people attending. She will contact The Gazebo and give them a tentative head count.

Police / Fire Open House: Commissioner Middleswart stated that there was a good turnout. They were told that for next year, please do not distribute whistles.

Senior Seminar: Commissioners Marshall and Antrikin attended this event and stated that there was a lot less people and we had plenty of bags left over.

Trunk n Treat: The Crime Commission is signed up for Harvest Treat (formerly Trunk n Treat). This year, it will be inside the Warren Community Center on Thursday, October 19th at 5 pm; setting up is from 2:30 to 4:30 pm. As in the past, all Commissioners are asked to donate at least one bag to the Crime Commission building prior to Thursday.

Peter Lucido's Senior Scams: Commissioner Middleswart spoke to the Mayor's Office and was informed that December and January are difficult months to reserve a room. The Mayor's Office was supposed to call them back. Commissioner Middleswart has contacted them twice and has not heard anything. It was suggested to try the Warren Community Center.

NEW BUSINESS:

Restock Inventory: Commissioner Antrikin and Assistant Secretary Martin evaluated our inventory. There are many items that need to be replenished. Commissioner Antrikin will print up an inventory sheet for everyone to look at; and we can determine what we need to order. After a brief discussion, it was decided to hold off on ordering baggies until after the election.

Unwrap Blinkie Lights: Assistant Secretary Martin wanted to schedule a day to unwrap the Blinkie Lights. After a brief discussion, it was decided on Thursday, October 5th at 6 pm at the Crime Commission building.

Monthly Meetings with Police Department: As previously stated, Commissioners Middleswart and Jackson met with the Command Staff. We are looking for a better way to integrated ourselves with the community and with Police Department. A middle or late November follow up meeting will be scheduled.

Training: The Warren Police Department is spearheading a training event on Wednesday, October 11th at 8 a.m. for Officers who have PTSD. The Officers would be able to discuss their situation and find a way to process it and still be able to be productive in society. The invitation was extended to the Crime Commission.

Promotion, Swearing in of New Officers: There will be a swearing in ceremony for new officers on Friday, October 27th at Woodside Church at 11 am.

Roundtable:

Martin: Nothing new to report.

Ahmed: I have become a victim of Id Theft. Two accounts have been open in my name fraudulently.

Murphy: Nothing further to report

Kobir: A certificate of appreciation was issued to the Police Department from the Bangladesh Association of Michigan.

Marshall: On October 3rd at the Community Center there was a meeting between the DDA and DeLaSalle. DeLaSalle wants exclusive rights to the Community Centers football field. They are willing to invest money to upgrade the football field.

Middleswart: The incidents that the Officers experience with people getting hurt or their own injuries needs to be taken seriously.

Jackson: I have a resident that has pictures of a gentleman distributing drugs on his bike.

I am going to discuss this further with Captain Rushton. Captain Rushton mentioned that this resident can call the Tip Line and leave an anonymous message.

Antrikin: Nothing further to report.

Rushton: We have two new K-9's and Officers in training. One dog will be a weapons dog and the other dog will be a patrol dog.

Riley: Nothing new to report.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion by Commissioner Antrikin, seconded by Commissioner Marshall adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Commissioner Kobir has housekeeping duties for the month of November.

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Martin - Secretary's Assistant

