

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 November 01, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:

Captain Rushton	Y	
Garry Watts		N
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 THE SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA / MINUTES: A motion by Commissioner Riley, seconded by Commissioner Kobir to approve the Special Meeting Agenda and the Special Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Riley to approve the Minutes with discussion by Commissioner Middleswart. Under Public Meeting, it should read Mr. and Mrs. Diedo. Assistant Secretary Martin stated that she will correct that. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion by Commissioner Riley, seconded by Commissioner Marshall with discussion from Commissioners Riley and Marshall and Assistant Secretary Martin to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Riley would like to add under "New Business" Purchase Fire Place Heater. Commissioner Marshall would like to add under New Business "Warming Boxes Distributed". Assistant Secretary Martin would like to add under New Business "X-Mas Breakfast". The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC MEETING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: Commissioner Middleswart received notice that the receipt for the candy that Commissioner Marshall had purchased for the Harvest Treat was kicked back. They have spoken to Ms. Battle and has emailed Ms. Mika to see how this can be resolved. Assistant City Attorney Murphy stated that she will look into it.

Commissioner Middleswart read a written complaint from a guest whom attended last month's meeting. From our discussion it was outlined that we need to choose our words more carefully and to be sensitive to people's situations.

CAPTAIN RUSHTON'S REPORT: Captain Rushton 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 Kobir distributed October's Treasurer's Reports. We do not have any Current Written PO's. Current Encumbrances consists of: The Gazebo and Contractual Services. Spending for October consists of: Gas, City of Warren, Electric, Contractual Services and Reimbursement for the plaques. Petty Cash had two transactions and is currently at \$28.23. A motion by Commissioner Riley, seconded by Commissioner Jackson to approve the Treasurer's Reports for the month of October. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Gena Benson Key:

Captain Rushton did pay Ms. Benson a visit. Ms. Benson stated that she returned the key. Commissioner Middleswart will contact Dave Muzzarelli to see if he wants to change the locks. A report is on file with the Police Department.

Crime Commission Appreciation Dinner:

Commissioner Middleswart received positive feedback. We had a good turnout. 66 people in attendance. Next year we are going to tweak the presentation and program.

Trunk n Treat: Commissioner Middleswart stated that there were tons of kids and it flowed much better. We ran out of candy and have approximately 100 blinkie lights left over.

Peter Lucido's Senior Scams: Commissioner Middleswart stated that the auditorium at the Community Center is available for Peter Lucido's Senior Scams presentation. After a brief discussion it was decided that Friday, December 8th at 3 pm would work. An option, depending on the number of people in attendance, would be Conference Room A. Captain Ruston offered to send a Community Police Officer to the event. It was suggested to contact Mr. Clark from Stillwell Manor, along with the Ukrainian Cultural Center and Center Line Senior Center. These groups would benefit the most from Peter Lucido's presentation. Once the flyers are generated, Assistant Secretary Martin, was willing to distribute them to the libraries.

Restock Inventory: On hold.

Monthly Meetings with Police Department: On hold.

Promotion, Swearing in of New Officers: Captain Rushton stated that there was a very good turnout.

Training: Commissioners Middleswart and Jackson were erroneously invited. Deputy Commissioner Reichling thanked them for coming; however, informed them that they could not stay.

NEW BUSINESS:

December Senior Seminar: Commissioner Middleswart asked the Commission if they would like to attend this event. After a brief discussion it was decided that “yes” the Crime Commission would like to attend this event. It will be on Wednesday, December 6th at 11:00 am. Set up is at 10:30 am.

Goodie Bags: Commissioner Middleswart stated that since we are committing ourselves to the Senior Seminar in December, we are going to need to order bags. A motion by Commissioner Riley, seconded by Commissioner Jackson to purchase approximately 100 blank bags for the Senior Seminar and not to exceed \$150.00. The motion passed unanimously.

Shop with a Hero Police / Fire: Commissioner Jackson stated that Shop with a Hero – Police will be on December 5th and 12th at Meijer. An email will be sent with time and location. Commissioner Middleswart will email Fire Commissioner McAdams to let him know we are interested in participating in the Fire Departments – Shop with a Hero event.

Holiday Breakfast: Assistant Secretary Martin mentioned that for the past two years we, as a Crime Commission, have gathered together for breakfast at National Coney Island for a Holiday Breakfast. Commissioner Jackson has hosted this event and Assistant Secretary Martin was interested in knowing if he would like to host it again this year. After a brief discussion it was decided that we would have our annual Holiday Breakfast on Sunday, December 17th at 9:00 am at National Coney Island. Commissioner Jackson will contact National Coney Island. He would like a head count by December’s meeting.

Fire Place Heater: Commissioner Riley would like to purchase a Fire Place Heater for the Crime Commission building. It takes too long for the Crime Commission building to warm up when we have our meetings. A motion by Commissioner Riley, seconded by Commissioner Marshall to purchase a Fire Place Heater for the Crime Commission building, not to exceed \$300.00 and hinges on the approval of Dave Muzzarelli. The motion passed unanimously.

Distribution of Warming Boxes: Commissioner Marshall was confronted by Leslie, the Front Desk Manager at the Community Center, asking if the Crime Commission was planning on distributing the Warming Boxes again this year. Leslie has been getting calls from residents who are looking to donate clothes. Commissioner Marshall plans on distributing two boxes at the Community Center in December through February. Assistant Secretary Martin can monitor the boxes.

Roundtable:

Martin: Nothing new to report.

Ahmed: Nothing further to report.

Murphy: Nothing new to report

Kobir: Nothing further to report.
Marshall: Nothing new to report.
Middleswart: Nothing further to report.
Jackson: Nothing new to report.
Rushton: Nothing further to report.
Riley: Nothing new to report.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Ahmed adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Our next Meeting will be on December 06, 2023 @ 6:00 pm. at Civic Center South, 23345 Van Dyke (9/ Van Dyke).

Commissioner Jackson has housekeeping duties for the month of December.

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Martin - Secretary's Assistant