

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 March 06, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:

P.C. Rushton	Y	
Dave Dwyer	Y	
Caitlin Murphy	Y	
Capt. Dillenbeck	Y	
Henry Newnan	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 Riley, seconded by Commissioner Jackson to approve the Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Marshall to approve the Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC MEETING: Bob and Terrie Pulice were in attendance to see what goes on at a Crime Commission meeting. They also wanted to express a concern regarding a vehicle that races up and down Martin Street. The vehicles woofers are so loud you can hear the “boom, boom” before you see the vehicle.

Ms. Zielinski stopped by to thank the Crime Commission for helping her get accepted into the Citizens Police Academy. Also, her parents were the subject of a cyber-security attack. There needs to be a check list of things that need to be done if this happens as well as resources that can help. The bank teller stopped the process from going any further.

CORRESPONDENCE: Commissioner Jackson received an email from a Warren resident that stated that he would like to see the police patrolling Lorraine, North of Martin Road area. Cars appear to be going roughly 50 to 60 miles an hour on the street. Police Commissioner Rushton will have an officer assigned to that area.

Commissioner Riley stated that the Crime Commission website has been shut down. Our email still works and City’s website is still active.

Assistant Secretary Martin said thank you for the card and the gift card. It was greatly appreciated.

Commissioner Middleswart stated that Patrick Coleta will be unable to attend tonight's meeting. His presentation will be starting in a week or two.

POLICE COMMISSIONER RUSHTON'S REPORT: Police Commissioner Rushton reviewed the current crime trends in the City of Warren along with upcoming events. He also introduced Captain Matthew Dillenbeck. Captain Dillenbeck will fill in when Police Commissioner Rushton is unable to attend a meeting.

CITY COUNCIL EX-OFFICIO'S REPORT: Ex-Officio Dave Dwyer and Henry Newnan reviewed the current events that are occurring with the City of Warren Council.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Commissioner Kobir distributed February's Treasurer's Report. We do not have any Current Written PO's. Current Encumbrances consists of: Contractual Services, Community Promotions and Office Supplies. Spending for February consists of: DTE, Gas and City of Warren Water. A motion by Commissioner Riley, seconded by Commissioner Marshall to approve the Treasurer's Report for the months of February. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Marshall stated that the Crime Commission was asked, by the Police Department, to attend a Police Promotion & Swearing In Ceremony and provide the refreshments. We realize that this was a last minute request. The Crime Commission should be able to do events, like this, without having to request a special meeting to approve the funding. A motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Jackson that the Crime Commission set aside an amount not to exceed \$500.00, from Community Promotions, to be used to purchase refreshments for upcoming Police / Fire Promotion & Swearing In Ceremonies, or other public invited events within the City of Warren, for the upcoming fiscal year. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Commissioner Middleswart stated that on Wednesday, March 20th Commissioners Middleswart and Kobir will be having a Budget Meeting with the Mayor.

Commissioner Middleswart stated that the fiscal year ends in June, so all purchases needs to be in by May. We should consider setting aside money for name tags and badges.

Commissioner Jackson has been receiving emails from Warren residents. A resident by the name of "Nancy" stated that Community Policing is needed at Toepfer between Van Dyke and Mound. She was looking to establish a Neighborhood Block.

Mr. Barnes stated he attended a Warren City Council Meeting and spoke to a City Council person and asked about establishing a Neighborhood Block at 10 Mile, East of Ryan area with their Community Police Officer. He was told by the City Council person that the Warren Police are too busy.

Police Commissioner Rushton stated that Neighborhood Watch Groups were put on hold because no one showed up. Captain Dillenbeck informed Commissioner Jackson, to let those residents know that they can call 911 with their issue and they will be prioritized.

Assistant Secretary Martin stated that last month Commissioner Middleswart was looking for more ways to advertise our Crime Commission meetings. Assistant Secretary Martin did some research and came up with two new options. Ms. Kacey, from Parks n Recreation, stated that we can advertise our monthly meetings on the marquee reader on Van Dyke, in front of City Hall for free. With some assistance from Commissioner Middleswart, Assistant Secretary Martin would like to advertise on the C & G Community Calendar, which is also a free. We are still submitting our "On the Road" flyers to Ms. Wendy Maniere for the water bill. Brandon Roy, from the Police Department, is posting our monthly flyers on the Police website. Ms. Katherine Montalto is posting our monthly meetings on the City of Warren website. Ms. Lori Irla / Ms. Clarissa Clayton are posting our monthly flyer on the TV Warren Cable channel.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Restock Inventory: Commissioners Kobir and Middleswart are working on getting those purchase orders submitted.

Crime Commission Safety Night: A motion by Commissioner Jay, seconded by Commissioner Marshall to table the topic until next month. Motion passed unanimously.

Display Sign: Commissioner Marshall stated he picked it up and it is in the shadow box. Commissioner Middleswart thanked him.

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing.

Roundtable:

Martin: Nothing new to report.

Ahmed: Nothing further to report.

Murphy: Nothing new to report.

Porvaznick: Nothing further to report.

Kobir: Nothing new to report.

Marshall: Nothing further to report.

Antrikin: Nothing new to report.

Middleswart: Nothing further to report.

Jackson: Nothing new to report.

Rushton: Nothing further to report.

Riley: Nothing new to report.

Newnan: Nothing further to report.

Dwyer: Nothing new to report.

Dillenbeck: The Kids Detective Academy has been cancelled due to lack of interest and we will have a date set in the near future.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Kobir adjourn the meeting at 7:12 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Our next Meeting will be on April 03, 2024 @ 6:00 pm. at the Police Headquarters at 29900 South Civic Center. North of 12 Mile Road.

Commissioner Porvaznick has housekeeping duties for the month of April.

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Martin - Secretary's Assistant