

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 January 08, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:

Caitlin Murphy	Y	
Dave Dwyer	Y	
Henry Newnam	Y	
Melody Magee		N
Captain Dillenbeck	Y	
D.C Rushton		N
PC Hawkins		N
Mayor Stone		N

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 Kobir to approve the Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

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

PUBLIC MEETING: Ms. Bournias, from Canine Companions, stopped by to mention that she will have Norah for two more months and then Norah will be transferred to a facility for professional training.

Ms. Palowoda stopped by to update the Crime Commission on her issues. Ms. Palowoda and her neighbors have formed a Neighborhood Watch group. She passed out some flyers. First meeting will be Saturday, January 18th at 11 am. Also, she has seen drones flying around the neighborhood. She was interested in knowing what the City of Warren laws were regarding drones. After a brief discussion it was stated that the city is working on regulations regarding drones.

Mr. Pulice stopped by to update the Crime Commission about his neighborhood. The situation is getting worse. A lot more traffic. Bags coming in and bags going out. The Police Department are on it.

Mr. Strunk reiterated what Ms. Palowoda stated and he is reaching out to the Roseville Police Department to see how their Neighborhood Watch groups work and possibly mimic it. He wants to reach out to the schools as well.

Ms. Cruz stopped by to mention that she is moving into Warren in March. She works for CARE of Southeastern Michigan. She was curious how this organization runs.

Mr. Owens has prior law enforcement experience. He was interested in knowing if a traffic control device would be implemented at Station 5 when it is fully up and running? Ex-Officio Dwyer stated that there will most likely be a traffic control device installed at that location due to the volume of traffic. Mr. Owens mentioned there is a methadone clinic by Cromie Middle School. Plus, he added that solar power lights should be considered in the ball park area by Cromie and the Academy. It is too dark and its turning into a "make out" area".

Ms. Ludwig stopped by to educate the Crime Commission on Narcisse.

Ms. Booker stated that this is her third visit. She is interested in joining the Crime Commission team. She works for Wayne State, has a PhD in education and wants to help. Ms. Booker has met with the Mayor.

CORRESPONDENCE: Commissioner Middleswart stated that she has spoken with the Mayor and the Mayor has asked for the Crime Commissions help with the fund raiser for Chaplain/Commissioner Jackson. He is home, he is recovering; however, he has a way to go. After a brief discussion, Commissioner JD Marshall would be willing to split his proceeds from his February "Bottle Drive" as well as host a comedy show on the behalf of Jay. Commissioner JD Marshall is willing to talk to Brian Louwers. Ms. Booker mentioned "Go Fund Me" and "Give Butter". Commissioner Middleswart would like all ideas to be emailed to her.

Commissioner Middleswart introduced JD Marshall as our newest Crime Commissioner. Welcome to our team.

CAPTAIN DILLENBECK'S REPORT: Captain Dillenbeck stopped by briefly to give a quick review of the current crime trends in the City of Warren. He had to return to Police Headquarters to do a press release. There will be a fund raiser for Chaplin/Commissioner Jackson and any help from the Crime Commission would be greatly appreciated.

CITY COUNCIL EX-OFFICIO'S REPORT: Ex-Officio's Newnan and Dwyer reviewed the current events that are occurring with the Warren City Council. Ex-Officio Dwyer mentioned that it has been very quiet. We have many projects that we will be moving forward on. Ex-Officio Newnan mentioned a City Tree Ordinance.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Commissioner Porvaznick distributed December's Treasurer's Report. Current Written Purchase Orders consist of: Pocket Badges. Current Encumbrances consist of: Office Depot, Donut Castle and Contractual Services. Spending for December consists of: Gas, Water and Electric. Petty Cash is currently at \$100.00. I got a kick back for attempting to split the Utilities with the Animal Welfare because they do not have a line item for Utilities. I am working with Suzanne to get it on their budget for next year. A motion by Commissioner Antrikin, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to approve December's Treasurer's Report. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Commissioner Middleswart did some outreaching with some of the local businesses and the results were frustrating. Many of them just shrugged me off. We need more exposure. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Middleswart mentioned getting with TV Warren,

Clarissa Clayton, to see if we could be on TV Warren cable channel. Commissioner Riley mentioned that years ago we had pamphlets, tri-fold and glossy, covering specific topics, we could re-vamp them and do a direct mail. Commissioner Middleswart would like current prices for the glossy tri-fold pamphlets. We may need the city's permission. Commissioner Antrikin mentioned that she will look into bulk mailing prices.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Winter Warming Drive: Commissioner Marshall has not heard anything from Lincoln or Cousino High School. Assistant Secretary Martin stated that she has delivered at least 30 bags of clothes to St. Margarets of Scotland. She has moved the box from the Community Center auditorium area to the library area. She has noticed that someone is taking the black bags from the boxes. Moving forward she will bring the black bags with her and place clothes inside the bags.

Holiday Breakfast: Commissioner Middleswart thanked everyone for attending. Thank you, Ex-Officio Newnan, for your gifts. They were greatly appreciated. Our waitress and staff received a \$124.00 tip.

NEW BUSINESS:

Community Chats: After a brief discussion, it was decided that the Crime Commission would like to focus their efforts towards exposure via advertising or cable. Remove Community Chats off of New Business.

Inventory Restock: Commissioner Antrikin passed out a current Inventory List. Commissioner Middleswart reminded everyone that our new budget renews in July. Commissioner Middleswart went over each item with the Crime Commission to determine if we should restock or eliminate from inventory. Commissioner Porvaznick will get prices for items we want to restock.

Badges/Keys: Commissioner Porvaznick has a written Purchase Order for four Pocket Badges. Two for Commissioners Harrison and Marshall and two pending for the current vacant seats. Commissioner Riley will speak with Jeff Reeves about getting two keys for Commissioners Harrison and Marshall.

Roundtable:

Martin: Nothing new to report.

Ahmed: Nothing further to report.

Murphy: Nothing new to report.

Porvaznick: Nothing further to report.

Kobir: I will be out of the country for our February meeting.

Middleswart: Nothing new to report.

Marshall: I have housekeeping duties for January.

Antrikin: Nothing further to report.

Riley: Nothing new to report.

Newnan: Nothing further to report.

Dwyer: Nothing further to report.

JD Marshall: Nothing new to report.

Harrison: Nothing further to report.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Our next Meeting will be on February 05, 2025 @ 6:00 pm. at the Burnette Branch Library located at 23345 Van Dyke (North of 9 Mile Road).

Commissioner Middleswart has housekeeping duties for the month of February.

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Martin - Secretary's Assistant