

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 July 10, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:

P.C. Rushton	Y	
Dave Dwyer	Y	
Caitlin Murphy	Y	
Capt. Dillenbeck	Y	
Henry Newnan	Y	
Melody Magee		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 Jackson to approve the Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion by Commissioner Ahmed, seconded by Commissioner Kobir to approve the Agenda, with discussion by Commissioner Middleswart. Commissioner Middleswart would like to add Purchase of Electronic Voice Recorder to New Business. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC MEETING: Mr. and Mrs. Pulice stopped by to update the Crime Commission on their existing problem. Now, he is using his wife's vehicle and speeding up and down the street. He claims his vehicle is broken down. Still working with Captain Dillenbeck. His Aunt wants to give him, his nephew, one more chance. The Aunt is being verbally abused and refuses to acknowledge that there is a problem.

Ms. Bournias stated that Nora is 9 months old and will be going to an organization for additional training.

CORRESPONDENCE: Commissioner Kobir stated that he has started a small business. I would like to stay on as a Commissioner; however, I am going to resign as the Treasurer of the Crime Commission. A motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Antrikin, to add Nomination of Treasurer to New Business. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jackson received a text message from Commissioner Marshall stating that he thought we were going to take some of our “On the Road” meetings to churches. After a brief discussion, it was decided to keep our meetings to public facilities. However, having “Community Chats” would be an option we should discuss at next months meeting. Commissioner Middleswart requested “Community Chats” to be added to August’s Agenda under New Business.

Commissioner Jackson mentioned that Treasurer Lorie Barnwell’s father-in-law passed away. Could we have a card sent on the behalf of the Crime Commission. Assistant Secretary Martin stated that she will take care of that.

POLICE COMMISSIONER RUSHTON’S REPORT: Police Commissioner Rushton and Captain Dillenbeck reviewed the current crime trends in the City of Warren along with upcoming events. National Night will be at Freedom Hill, in Sterling Heights, on Tuesday, August 6th from 5 pm to 8 pm. The City of Warren Birthday Bash will be August 22 thru 25th. The City of Warren Drone Show will be August 24th. The Police / Fire Open House is scheduled for Sunday, September 15th from 12 to 3 pm.

CITY COUNCIL EX-OFFICIO’S REPORT: Ex-Officio’s Dwyer and Newnan reviewed the current events that are occurring with the Warren City Council. Commissioner Jackson asked both Ex-Officio’s Dwyer and Newnan “What is going on with your districts; and how could the Crime Commission help. The Crime Commission would like to build a partnership with City Council. Both Ex-Officio’s would like to research that and come up with something.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Commissioner Middleswart distributed June’s Treasurer’s Report. For June under Current Encumbrances, we had: Community Promotion, Office Supplies and Contractual Services. Spending for June consisted of: Gas, DTE and Water. A motion by Commissioner Kobir, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to approve June’s Treasurer’s Report. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT: Nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Restock Inventory: Commissioners Middleswart mentioned that the lanyards are still outstanding.

Crime Commission Safety Night: Commissioner Middleswart mentioned that they had asked Commissioner Jackson for help. Commissioner Jackson reached out to the Principal and Super Intendent at Lincoln High School. Both, the Principal and the Super Intendent stated they would call Commissioner Jackson back on Friday, July 12th. Commissioner Middleswart has the contact information from the last Crime Commission Safety Night. They thought that a Sub Committee could help make phone calls / send emails out to determine whom is in charge of that organization. At May’s meeting Commissioners Riley, Porvaznick and Jackson had volunteered to help.

2025 Calendar Dates: Assistant Secretary Martin distributed the tentative 2025 Calendar dates for review. Miller Branch Library does not have a meeting room. The Librarian suggested contacting the Community Center and reserve Conference Room “A”. Community Center does not book events that far out. We would need to call closer to the meeting date.

Busch Branch Library hosts a Book Club meeting the first Wednesday of every month. Our July 2025 meeting was the only month the Busch Branch Library could accommodate us. Please review and let me know if this will work for us.

Appreciation Dinner:

Assistant Secretary Martin contacted The Gazebo and booked Wednesday, October 16th for our Crime Commission Appreciation Diner. She also distributed a tentative Guest List and a tentative Award Recipient List. After a brief discussion, some names had to be added, removed and correct off of the Guest List. Assistant Secretary Martin will make those changes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Q-Alert 311: Table until August's Meeting.

Purchase of Electronic Voice Recorder: Commissioner Middleswart mentioned that they received an email from Assistant City Attorney Murphy stating that the Crime Commission will need to start recording our meetings and forwarding them to the Communications Department. A motion by Commissioner Middleswart, seconded by Commissioner Jackson to authorize the purchasing of a voice recorder – not to exceed \$100.00 to record our meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

Nomination of Treasurer: Commissioner Middleswart mentioned that with the resignation of Commissioner Kobir as Treasurer, I will need a Interim to fill that position. Commissioner Antrikin nominated Commissioner Porvaznick, Commissioner Jackson seconded that nomination. Commissioner Porvaznick accepted the nomination. Commissioner Middleswart stated that voting, for Treasurer, will take place at August's meeting. Nominations for the 2024-2025 Executive Board positions will be also begin in August.

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.

Middleswart: Nothing further to report

Dwyer: Nothing new to report.

Dillenbeck: Nothing further to report.

Antrikin: Nothing new to report.

Jackson: Nothing further to report.

Marshall: Nothing new to report.

Newnan: Would a lab top be an option for your monthly meeting for people who can not attend the regular meetings. The Crime Commission building does not have wi-fi and the no one was willing to offer their "hot spot" service for a Crime Commission meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion by Commissioner Porvaznick, seconded by Commissioner Antrikin adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Our next Meeting will be on August 07, 2024 @ 6:00 pm. at Burnette Library – 23345 Van Dyke (North of 9 Mile Road).

Commissioner Ahmed has housekeeping duties for the month of August.

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Martin - Secretary's Assistant