

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 02, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:

P.C. Rushton	Y	
Dave Dwyer	Y	
Caitlin Murphy	Y	
Capt. Dillenbeck	Y	
Henry Newnan	Y	
Melody Magee	Y	
Mayor Stone		N
PC Hawkins	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 Marshall to approve the Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion by Commissioner Riley, seconded by Commissioner Antrikin to approve the Agenda with discussion by Commissioner Middleswart. Commissioner Middleswart stated that at tonight's meeting our newly appointed Police Commissioner Hawkins will be joining us for a brief introduction. Police Commissioner Hawkins, Acting Police Commissioner Rushton and Captain Dillenbeck have a pressing meeting that they must attend at 6:30; therefore, we are going to move their report up and have them speak after the "Approval of Agenda". Also, I would like to add under New Business "Purchase of Awards" and "Winter Warming Drive". Under Unfinished Business I would like to add "Recording of the Minutes". The motion passed unanimously.

POLICE COMMISSIONER RUSHTON'S REPORT: Acting Police Commissioner Rushton introduced Police Commissioner Hawkins. Police Commissioner Hawkins stated that he is eager to get started. He gave a quick history of his background. Each Crime Commissioner introduced themselves to Police Commissioner Hawkins. Acting Police Commissioner Rushton reviewed the current crime trends in the City of Warren. Captain Dillenbeck mentioned all the upcoming events.

PUBLIC MEETING: Ms. Domnich stopped by to express some concerns about alleged vandalism, burglary and stolen identity that she is experiencing. Commissioner Middleswart stated they noticed Ms. Domnich had posted messages on NextDoor app a couple of years ago, and initiated contact at that time to try to get Ms. Domnich help. Acting Police Commissioner Rushton provided Ms. Domnich with a phone number to contact.

Ms. Ludwig stopped by to mention that she has a new neighborhood that recently moved into the condominium association that is speeding. Plus, she wanted to know if the grant was still available for smoke detectors. Acting Police Commissioner Rushton stated, yes, the grant is still available for smoke detectors. Also, we would need permission from the Condo Association, before we can enforce speeding in our neighborhood.

Ms. Bournias, from Canine Companions, stopped by to mention that Netflix represented Canine Companions. Nora turned 1 years old.

Mr. Pulice stopped by to discuss a personal matter with Captain Dillenbeck.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

CITY COUNCIL EX-OFFICIO'S REPORT: Ex-Officio's Magee, Newnan and Dwyer reviewed the current events that are occurring with the Warren City Council. Ex-Officio Newnan mentioned that there was a person, presented to the City Council to be appointed to the Crime Commission. Unfortunately, that person was in default. Commissioner Marshall mentioned that the previous procedure was that if a Warren resident was interested in becoming a Crime Commission, they had to attend two meetings. After the second meeting, the Executive Board would interview this candidate. If the Executive Board approved the candidate, then, the Chairperson would recommend this person to the Mayor. The Mayor would then schedule a meeting with the candidate and the Mayor would appoint or reject this candidate.

Ex-Officio Newnan also mentioned that the City Council as a whole, will be meeting Police Commissioner Hawkins on Thursday, October 3rd at the Warren Community Center in Conference Room A at 6 pm.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Commissioner Porvaznick distributed September's Treasurer's Report. Current Written Purchase Orders are: Office Depot and Donut Castle (still pending). Current Encumbrances consist of: Contractual Services, Gazebo and Office Depot. Spending for September consists of: Gas, Water and Electric. Petty Cash is currently at \$100.00. Commissioner Riley mentioned that Animal Welfare will be using the Crime Commission building for their meeting; which will be the first Monday of each month at 7 pm. The Animal Welfare will be responsible for half of the bills. A motion by Commissioner Antrikin, seconded by Commissioner Kobir, to approve September's Treasurer's Report. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: Nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Crime Commission Safety Night: Commissioner Middleswart mentioned that Crime Commission Safety Night will be at Owen Jax Community Center, downstairs, on Wednesday, November 13th. CARE will be there. Warren / Center Line Coalition will be participating too. The Police Department, Fire Department, C.E.R.T. and an Emergency Manager will also be present. Commissioner Middleswart has started the flyer.

Appreciation Dinner: Assistant Secretary Martin mentioned that invitations went out September 18th with a RSVP deadline of October 1st. She is now sending out reminder emails and contacting people who have not RSVP yet. Assistant Secretary Martin also mentioned that she just got Fire Commissioner McAdams Award Recipients list on October 1st. Six more invites just went out. She is working on the brochure.

Recording of the Minutes: Commissioner Middleswart stated that the Crime Commission was granted a waiver by City Council and we do not have to have our meeting recorded.

NEW BUSINESS:

Unwrap Blinky Lights: Harvest Treat will be on Saturday, October 26th from 12 pm till 2 pm. This event will be held at 5460 Arden (South of 14 Mile Road, West of Mound) inside the Warren Community Center. Commissioner Middleswart asked all Commissioner to donate at least two bags of candy. Commissioner Middleswart stated that we need to pick a day to unwrap the Blinky Lights. After a brief discussion, it was decided to do it on Monday, October 21st at 6 pm at the Crime Commission building.

Newer Copy Machine: Assistant Secretary Martin asked the Executive Board to consider purchasing a newer copy machine. The one we currently have is good if you want to make a couple of copies; however, when we make multiple copies, the paper jams up and the copies have shadows on them. The top feeder does not work and the lid is broken. Commissioner Porvaznick will look and see what Office Depot has to offer.

Purchase or Awards: Commissioner Middleswart is estimating that the plaques are going to cost about \$300.00 dollars this year. A motion, by Commissioner Riley, seconded by Commissioner Porvaznick to spend no more than \$350.00 on K2 Awards for the Appreciation Dinner. The motion passed unanimously.

Winter Warming Drive: Commissioner Middleswart mentioned that near the end of December, Commissioner Marshall and Assistant Secretary Martin distribute boxes to Lincoln HS, the Warren Community Center and City Hall. Each of these boxes collect new or gently used coats, hats, gloves, and clothes. These items are collected and transported to St. Margaret's of Scotland; where they are laundered and distributed to the homeless. I am mentioning this because we need to help with the gathering and the transporting of the bags of clothes. One person could be responsible for "A" location. Pick up the items and drop them off at the Crime Commission building. Then other person could pick up the bags from the Crime Commission building and drop them off at St. Margarets of Scotland.

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: State of the City with the Mayor will be held on Thursday, October 10th at 6pm at the Community Center. All Commissioners are welcomed to attend.

Magee: Women of Warren will be having a Safety Training event with the Warren Police Department

on Friday, October 25th. More information will be posted on Facebook.

Antrikin: Nothing new to report.

Marshall: The empty lot next to the Crime Commission building has been turned into a butterfly garden walking area. Down spouts have been added to move the water away from the building and towards the plants and the flowers in the garden area. This should prevent the back office from future flooding.

Riley: Nothing further to report.

Dwyer: Nothing new to report.

Newnan: Nothing further to report.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Riley adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Our next Meeting will be on November 06, 2024 @ 6:00 pm. at Crime Commission Building at 5959 Beebe Street

Commissioner Kobir has housekeeping duties for the month of November.

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Martin - Secretary's Assistant