

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 09, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT:

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:

Najim Ahmed	Y		Sumon Kobir	Y		Caitlin Murphy	Y	
Tracy Alama		N	JD Marshall	Y		Dave Dwyer	Y	
Tracy Antrikin	Y		Rex Marshall	Y		Henry Newnam	Y	
Zsa-Zsa Booker	Y		Angela Middleswart	Y		Melody Magee	Y	
John Harrison	Y		Kayla Porvaznick	Y		Capt. Houtos		N
Jay Jackson	Y		Mike Riley	Y		Executive Lt. Booton	Y	
						PC Hawkins		
						Mayor Stone		
						Candice Mayer		

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 J-Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Kobir to approve the Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion by Commissioner Kobir, seconded by Commissioner Riley, to approve the agenda with discussions by Commissioner Porvaznick. Commissioner Porvaznick would like to add Mail Room Badges under New Business. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC MEETING: Mr. Pulice attended tonight's meeting to let the Crime Commission know that his neighbor's activity has slowed down. However, he is now speeding up and down the street without a seat belt. Mr. Pulice is very frustrated. Executive Lt. Booton will speak with Mr. Pulice after the meeting.

Ms. Cruz stopped by to see how one of our meetings are ran. Ms. Cruz works for C.A.R.E. and also is a resident of Warren.

Ms. Bournias attended tonight's meeting to let the Crime Commission know that she and Norah (K9) are an official certified team. All the fees have been paid and all the required documents have been emailed to Assistant Attorney Murphy. Assistant Attorney Murphy has forwarded all the forms to the proper departments and is waiting for approval.

Mr. & Mrs. Aberlich were curious to see what goes on at a Crime Commission meeting. Their main concern was speeding that occurs at 10 Mile and Ryan and at 10 Mile and Eureka. Executive Lt. Booton stated that he will place an officer in that area. He also mentioned that next time, please call the Police Department. City Council Ex-Officio Magee stated that she will be attending a meeting next week that will be addressing the issue of speeding. The discussion will focus on funds for signs.

These signs will list the fines for speeding. By posting these signs people will be aware that if they are caught speeding, they will be fined accordingly.

Ms. Evans stopped by and asked: How often does the Crime Commission meet? Do you meet at different locations? Commissioner Porvaznick had a copy of our 2025 meeting locations. Ms. Evans could take a look at it after our meeting tonight.

Mr. Sylvester attended tonight's meeting and he was not happy. There was an accident at 9 Mile and Van Dyke. The police were contacted. Mr. Sylvester was informed that an officer would not coming at this time, because they were too busy. He also wanted to address the issue with speeding down his street. Lately, it has been very quiet. Executive Lt. Booton stated that if the speeding returns, please let him know, what days and during what times. Executive Booton will speak with Mr. Sylvester after tonight's meeting.

Mr. Strunk stopped by to update the Crime Commission about the issues he has been having with his neighbor. Nothing has changed. I still have the same problems. On July 1st they were loud, stupid and drunk. Mr. Strunk went to Police Headquarters at 10 pm and it appeared closed. He saw only a janitor. Executive Lt. Booton stated that there is a phone number to call that is on the door in red. There is always one supervisor there at all times.

Ms. Palowoda attended tonight's meeting to let the Crime Commission know that the next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be in August. Thank you, to the Police Department for patrolling Veterans Park more frequently.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

CAPTAIN HOUTOS'S REPORT: Executive Lieutenant Booton reviewed the current crime trends in the City of Warren. The next Community Engagement Walk will be on Thursday, July 24th from 10 am till 12 noon. We will be meeting at mini police station at Civic Center South – 9 Mile and Van Dyke. Please respond to Captain Houtos if you are interested in attending.

CITY COUNCIL EX-OFFICIO'S REPORT: Ex-Officio Newnan thanked the Crime Commission for attending the Gun Lock Giveaway. Attendance was a bit low. Looking to do it again. Ex-Officio Newnan participated in the Community Engagement Walk. It was very nice.

Ex-Officio Magee also attended the Community Engagement Walk. She heard complaints about speeding and blight. The neighbors were happy to see us and it is an excellent source of community outreach.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Commissioner Porvaznick distributed June's end of the fiscal year Treasurer's Report. We currently do not have any Written Purchase Order. For Current Encumbrances we have Contractual Services. Spending for June consists of: Consumers Gas, DTE Electric, City of Warren Water Bill and Bob's Specialty. Petty Cash is at \$100.00. Community Promotions was bumped up for mailing the flyers. Commissioner Porvaznick will be opening Purchase Orders under the new fiscal budget for Detroit Ice Cream, the ice cream cart, Office Depot, Contractual Services and Embroidery shirts. A motion to receive and file by Commissioner Antrikin,

seconded by Commissioner Jackson to approve June's Treasurer's Report. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Bulk Mailing Prices: Commissioner Riley stated that he has spoken to Ms. Montalto and she is getting Commissioner Riley in contact with the correct people. The Warren City web page is good and moving forward it will contain all of our 2025, 2026 meeting locations.

Crime Commission Pamphlets / 2026 Meeting Locations: Commissioner Riley stated that he will be meeting with Ms. Clayton, with the pamphlets, and they will discuss the bulk mailing. Commissioner Riley is also working on getting all the 2026 meeting locations confirmed. By next month he should have more information.

Bangladesh Town Hall Meeting: Commissioner Kobir stated that the event went well. Thank you to all the commissioner who attended.

Gun Lock Giveaway: See City Council Ex-Officio's Report.

Embroidery shirts: Commissioner R-Marshall wanted to know if it was okay to proceed with getting Zsa-Zsa's shirts embroidered. Commissioner Porvaznick asked if Commissioner R-Marshall could wait until the purchase order has been confirmed open. Commissioner Porvaznick asked Assistant Secretary Martin to add under New Business, Embroidery Hats to August's Agenda.

Police Interaction Training: Commissioner Jackson spoke with Larry Reynolds, Community Police Officer from the Sterling Heights Police Department, and they have a program called Badges for Bridges. The Police Department come to you. For kids 12 years old and up, Sterling Heights has an in-process tutorial program. For kids up to 17 years old they have a program similar to Big Brothers, Big Sisters. These programs are very successful and are paid for by donations by the community. City Council Secretary Moore had mentioned this to Commissioner Middleswart.

NEW BUSINESS:

Voting on By-Laws Acceptance: Assistant City Attorney Murphy distributed the By-Laws for voting. A motion by Commissioner Riley, seconded by Commissioner Antrikin to open conversation in regards to voting on the By-Laws. After a brief discussion, it was decided that the Commission, as a whole, approved the changes that were made by the By-Laws Committee. The motion to accept the By-Laws as presented passed unanimously.

Outside Sign: Commissioner R-Marshall looked into a swing sign, similar to an open house sign, that could be displayed outside the building we are hosting our meetings at. He forwarded his findings to Commissioner Porvaznick. After a brief discussion, a motion by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Riley to purchase a swinging frame not to exceed \$100.00.

American Flag: Commissioner R-Marshall stated that the American flag is done and can be used at all of our "On the Road" meetings. Thank you, Commissioner R-Marshall.

Crime Commissioner Appreciation Dinner: Assistant Secretary Martin asked the Commission to check their calendars to see which days, Wednesday, October 15 or Wednesday, October 22nd would be best to host our Annual Appreciation Dinner. After a brief discussion, it was decided Wednesday, October 15th would work best. Assistant Secretary Martin will visit The Gazebo to reserve the day. She asked Executive Lieutenant Booton for nominations of citizens and Police Officers for her Award Recipient List. She also asked Commissioner Riley, who is on the Executive Board for C.E.R.T, for names as well.

Mail Room Badges: Commissioner Porvaznick visits the mailroom at City Hall at least twice a month. The Human Resource Department have limited numbers of mailroom badges. Commissioner Porvaznick wanted to know who has a mailroom badge and do they still need them. Commissioners Kobir, R-Marshall and Middleswart all have mailroom badges. Commissioner Kobir does not need his and he will give it back to Commissioner Porvaznick.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Safety Day Committee: Commissioner Middleswart confirmed that she has invited Macomb County Commissioner Michael Howard, the Attorney General, and the Governor. Commissioner Middleswart has also contacted TV Warren to have our flyer advertised on the cable channel and Parks and Recreation for the marquee. We have confirmation of one food truck. Commissioner Kobir is working on getting a second truck and he should be hearing something soon. Commissioner J-Marshall will reach out to Warren Weekly, Macomb Daily and Charles Langston. Commissioner Porvaznick brought some flyers for the audience to take and distribute as well. Assistant Secretary Martin distributed flyers to all the libraries and forwarded a copy to Joan Flynn to announce on her cable channel Senior Update.

Roundtable:

Ahmed: If a committee is formed for the Badges for Bridges I would like to help.

Porvaznick: Nothing new to report.

R-Marshall: Nothing further to report.

Harrison: I participated in the Community Engagement Walk on July 2nd and we were well received.

Kobir: Nothing new to report.

Riley: Nothing further to report.

J-Marshall: Nothing new to report.

Booker: I need to know what needs to be done for housekeeping duties for July. Assistant Secretary Martin stated that she will get with her and discuss it.

Jackson: Executive Lt. Booton, you mentioned that retail fraud has increased, which stores are being targeted. Executive Lt. Booton stated Ulta, Meijer – both stores and Home Depot.

Antrikin: I also did a Community Engagement Walk. Brilliant idea and it establishes a bond between the Warren resident and the Police Officer. Now the Warren resident knows somebody and are more likely to speak up when there is an incident in the neighborhood. People don't like to get involved, but if they have someone they trust or recognize they are more likely to talk and get involved.

Middleswart: I graduated from the Citizens Police Academy. I have a ride along scheduled. It was educational to view things from the Police Officers side.

Dwyer: Executive Lt. Booton, how many of those retail fraud cases proceed to prosecution?

Executive Lt. Booton responded that some do go to court and some don't.

Booton: Nothing further to report.

Magee Nothing new to report.

Newnan: I am sorry Mr. Strunk is having so many issues with his neighbor. I would like to help him more.

Murphy: In regards to retail fraud, certain stores will take it to court. Some stores will not take it to court.

Martin: Our August meeting is still scheduled to be at the Community Center on Arden. I called and spoke with Leslie and we were bumped from Conference Room "A" to Conference Room "B". I went to the Community Center to look at Conference Room "B" and I believe it will be too small. I have moved our meeting to the cafeteria. I will have plenty of signs but it will now be in the cafeteria.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion by Commissioner Porvaznick, seconded by Commissioner J-Marshall to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Our next Meeting will be on August 06, 2025 @ 6:00 pm. at the Community Center (Cafeteria), located at 5460 Arden (Chicago/14) (West of Mound).

Commissioner Najim Ahmed has housekeeping duties for the month of August.

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Martin - Secretary's Assistant