Town of Bath Public Safety Committee Agenda

July 25, 2023, at 4:30pm

Town of Bath Municipal Center

1. Meeting called to order by Scott Merki
2. Members in attendance:

Commissioner Scott Merki

Chief Wm Carper

Elizabeth Skinner

Greg Schene

Sandra Venuto

Mary Lynn Hickey

Rebecca MacLeod

1. Quorum - Yes
2. Meeting Items covered this week:
3. Background packet for future police officers that apply for positions within the police department shown to attendees and emailed to attendees after the meeting. Chief Carper explained that it is WV law for new policemen when applying and are not already certified, although he may have them go through the process. Elizabeth, Mary Lynn, and Scott spoke on the academy issues of pricing, which is approximately $3000, and retention of the new policemen; only legally allowed to withhold pay to cover expenses and cannot put a work contract on the policeman. Background packet approval will be at committee level only and not at council level.
4. Motorola ADX7000 portable radio given as gift for JC to use when she is working so is in constant contact with department and 911 center. Letter to Brooke Hess and acknowledgment given to all members with one given to the mayor to sign.
5. Business License – Business licenses were sent to all businesses with applications on file from last year. Businesses can come to the police department or have the business license mailed to them. Greg and Scott spoke briefly about updating the Town of Bath website for a more robust experience when applying. Chief Carper spoke on how all businesses are being added to the CAD system for enforcement and safety aspects.
6. Police Department bagging of meters and closing of streets w/ help of Public Works – Chief carper stated how many towns work with Public Works where they bring the items and bag meters, the police maintain and close the streets.
7. Pick date and time for future Safety Committee Meeting’s – future meetings will be held the Second Wednesdays - 4:00pm – 5:30pm. Next meeting will be:
* August 9, 2023
* 4:00pm – 5:30pm
* Town of Bath Municipal Center
1. Preliminary discussion of next week’s meeting items:
2. Future parking projects – Chief Carper spoke on the two app-based systems that he is looking at for the town’s meters – Passport and Park Mobile. He spoke on the additional revenue that implementing one of these systems will bring to the town. Rebecca stated that Jeff Duvall from the Streetscapes committee helped implement the Park Mobile meter system in Alexandria, VA and would be a good source of information. Greg stated that the empty lot in the middle of town that used to have a house that burned down would be a great parking lot. Elizabeth stated that it could be possible to charge for bagging meters. Greg stated that since most of the festivals are not-for-profit vs for-profit that we should not, the discussion was closed.
3. Broken meters – Greg stated that he can help with the shipping of the meters that need to be refurbished by using his Pack & Ship UPS at cost. He will come to the department to take pictures and measurements this week.
4. City and Traffic Citations – Elizabeth spoke on revenue from the meters and tickets that are given. It was discussed by council members on potentially raising the ticket amount to $15.00, the matter has been shelved for now. Chief Carper also mentioned that as of now there is no enforcement when a ticket is unpaid, and that issue is being worked on.
5. Meeting Adjourned