

Minutes
Boonsboro Public Safety Commission
July 20th, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.
Boonsboro Town Hall Annex
21 North Main Street
Boonsboro, MD

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Kim LaBrush

Present: Kim LaBrush, Ena Bovell Martin, Harry Nogle, Bo Quinn, Kyle O'Connor – Boonsboro Volunteer Fire Department Representative (BVFD), Jeff "Jay" Metz – Boonsboro Ambulance & Rescue Representative, BPD Chief Morgan.

Absent: Greg Seymour, Marilee Kerns – Council Liaison, Brian Smith, Rick Stevens – Council Member in attendance

Guest: None

Minutes taker Report: The minutes of May 18th, 2023 were approved by a motion from Jay Metz and second by Bo Quinn and vote by commission.

Citizens Comments: none

Old Business:

Opticom Traffic Signal: Letter sent to MDOT-SHA no update.

National Night Out: - August 1st, 2023: Volunteers: Kim, Ena, Harry and Bo

The timeline of the event is (5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.). This year the helicopter was not secured for the event.

CPR demos and stop the bleed demos will be part of the event.

Jay recommended that all maintenance vehicles should be equipped with Stop the Bleed kits.

New Business:

Brian Smith has removed himself from the Commission for family reasons. Teresa Leizear is interested in replacing Brian Smith.

The commission discussed Harry Nogle's email and photos regarding fireworks set off during the 4th of July celebration in Crestview and the town's fireworks policy. Chief Morgan said that the Boonsboro's Fireworks policy is the same as the Department of State and Office of the State Fire Marshall. A copy of this policy was provided to the entire commission.

Harry also wanted to confirm that the community of Crestview was geographically part of the Town of Boonsboro. Boonsboro Zoning Map was provided to confirm Crestview's inclusion.

Boonsboro Fire Department Report – Kyle O’Connor

No report but the following suggestions:

Future subdivisions should co-ordinate with emergency services the design of entrances to the communities. Some emergency vehicles cannot enter some communities without destroying the landscaping at the entrance to the community.

The inconvenience of traffic management at the junction of Alt 40 and Chase Six Boulevard since the road dead ends and has no other outlet.

Shrubs need to be trim back for safety reason since the current growth creates a safety hazard at the intersection (402 Potomac Street). Owner of property (Melvin Eugene Fulton) should be sent a notice to cut back these shrubs.

Boonsboro Police Department – no report

Kim asked Chief Morgan to provide kids ID kits for National Night Out

Boonsboro Ambulance and Rescue Company Report -Jay Metz

Carnival was a success and would be returning next year.

Chairman’s Report: National Night out Parking policy

Shafer Park parking will be used for handicap parking only. It was suggested that the lot behind Alex’s be converted to parking for this event.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m. by motion from Jay Metz and second by Kyle O’Connor and commission consensus.

Next meeting Thursday August 17th, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m. Town Hall Annex

Respectfully submitted,

Ena Bovell Martin