

Boonsboro Public Safety Commission
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 17, 2015

Present: Chair, Rick Byrd; Terri Hollingshead; Marty Love; Kristy Smith; Boonsboro Police Officer Aaron Taylor; Council Member Sean Haardt

Chairman Byrd called the meeting to order just at 7 PM.

There were no citizens present to offer comment or concern.

Kristy Smith moved to accept the November Minutes. Seconded by Marty Love. Minutes accepted.

Old Business

Officer Taylor presented the results from the speed monitoring device placed on Saint Paul Street. Less than 10% of speeding incidents were over the enforcement limit. The committee felt it to still be a significant problem. Discussion of the possibility of a three way stop at one or more of the intersections was discussed. The committee tabled further discussion until the results for the Shaffer Park monitoring are available.

Marty Love, reporting on behalf of the fire department, shared that the door to door smoke detector program has been suspended until after the holidays. In addition to those distributed in previous door to door efforts, 42 detectors have been picked up at the fire station.

The replacement of the faded no parking signs on High Street is still pending.

New Business

Speeding on Main Street headed west on 40 is an issue. The question was posed as to whether the speed limit could be changed to 30 mph to the light at Weis, or within all town limits. The speed limit signs are inconsistent in this area.

A resident has inquired whether the one way direction of Thomas Lane could be reversed headed in to Della Lane, as exiting on to 40/Main Street is difficult and often dangerous. Suggestions to improve the issue were painting the curbs red for a greater distance from the alley.

Sean Haardt will take these issues to a workshop of the mayor and council. Main Street is a state road, and thus local concerns can be presented at the state level as suggestions. Another consideration would be a traffic light at Alex's.

Marty Love noted that several of the street lights on Park Drive are out.

Boonsboro Police Department Report

Terri Hollingshead shared that Knode Circle is thought to be an area in which drug activity is occurring, based on information from a resident of that area. Officer Taylor reported that patrol checks are ongoing in that area.

Boonsboro Fire Department Report

Steve Mohl was unable to attend. Marty Lumm represented the fire department. The resident along High Street continues to park in the street, blocking the way for potential emergency vehicles.

Mayor and Council Report

Sean Haardt suggested that the speed monitoring devices also be placed on North Main Street.

Grants have been received to improve and develop a walking trail joining both ends of Shaffer Park.

In light of increased salt prices, the Town of Boonsboro has moved to purchase their own salt supply which will be stored on a pad off Monroe Road. Plans to add a roof over the pad are in the works.

Mr. Haardt shared news of economic development and new businesses that are in the planning or building stages in town. A traffic circle is slated for the intersection of 40 and 67, and a development anchored by Tractor Supply in that area will be called Ostertag Pass.

Other Discussion

Tax letters for contributions to National Night Out were signed for distribution.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Smith