

Boonsboro Public Safety Commission
Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 19, 2018

Present: Chair, Chad Matthews, Jen Paugh, Jean Burns, Rick Stevens, Greg Seymour, Marty Love

Chairman Matthews called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. October minutes were approved with a motion from Marty Love and seconded by Jean Burns

Old Business:

New turn lane at Square: Concern was expressed that the current changes to the traffic pattern were not the ones recommended by this committee and do not reflect what this committee was told would happen. Among the concerns raised, there is a blind spot when pulling out of traffic spots along Main Street in front of Town Hall and Pete's Barber Shop. Drivers can not see oncoming cars from the turn lane as visibility is blocked by the row of parked cars behind them. Oley Griffith and Marty Love spoke about concerns from the Fire Dept. The stop lines in the Square prevent the trucks from safely turning on to South Main Street and the turn to return to the Fire Station are too tight. The Fire Dept is requesting support from the town to go to SHA to have this issue corrected. Rick Stevens suggested first going to the M&C through Ethan. Chad will draft a letter.

Mutual Aid with the Sheriff's Dept: At this time the Police Dept is not volunteering for calls but if they are requested by the Sheriff's Dept they will respond.

Police Dept staffing: 2 officers are approved by the Police Commission and are clear to start. Dave Riser is currently certified, and Caleb Wade is in the Academy. The police secretary position remains open. Chief Morgan is requesting the M&C approve him to have these positions listed as Open and Continuous so application can be accepted throughout the year so they are better prepared to fill vacancies should they arise.

New Business:

There was citizen concern about speeding in Reeder's Alley, The issue will be referred to the M&C and Police Dept.

Opioid Initiatives: Christy Weaver has set up Narcan training. It will be held on Dec 20th at 6pm. Jen Paugh is working with Boonsboro High School to have a Washington Goes Purple assembly in the spring to coincide with the drug take back in town. They are hoping to have it approved as a two-part event with an assembly for students during school hours and a panel discussion for the community in the evening.

Chad spoke about CERT training. He is taking a head count to get a training session put together. It is open to any interested town citizens. The training program is held on multiple days. There may be a possibility for smaller trainings on more specific topics in the future.

Oley Griffith brought up the suggestion that it would be nice to have a Meet & Greet with the various town officials and committees so everyone can be aware of what each group is responsible for and to put names with faces.