

# **Village of Wellington**

*12300 Forest Hill Blvd  
Wellington, FL 33414*



## **Meeting Minutes - Final**

**Wednesday, September 13, 2023**

**4:00 PM**

**Village Hall**

**Public Safety Committee**

**I Call to Order**

Vice Chair Jacqueline Hutman called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

**II Pledge of Allegiance**

Vice Chair Jacqueline Hutman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III Roll Call**

Members present: Vice Chair Jacqueline Hutman, Michael Arena, John Archambo, Brad Johnson and Michael Weil.

Members absent: Chair Mohammad Junaid Akther and Salvatore Van Casteren.

Guests: Lt. Robert Humphrey, The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, District Chief Amanda Vomero, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, Deputy Chief Vanessa Snow, The Palm Beach County School Police, Captain Matt Hyman, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue

Staff members present: Nicole Coates, Gloria Kelly, Christian Santa- Gonzalez, and Tiesha Arne

**IV Opening Comments**

No opening comments

**V Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by Michael Arena, seconded by John Archambo, and unanimously passed (5-0), to approve the agenda as presented.

**VI Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Michael Arena, seconded by John Archambo, and unanimously passed (5-0), to approve the June 14, 2023 regular meeting minutes.

- a. [PSC-239](#) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 14, 2023 REGULAR MEETING

**VII Old Business**

No comments for old business.

**VIII New Business**

- a. [PSC-238](#) PRESENTATION BY PALM BEACH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICE

Nicole Coates introduced Deputy Chief Vanessa Snow of The Palm Beach

County School Police to the committee. Deputy Chief Snow began her presentation with reviewing the the mission and values of the School Police.

Deputy Chief Snow reminded the committee that safety and security is a mission for the School Police on all campuses. She furthered discussed initiatives they have going on at each of the campuses. Specifically, in Wellington, they work with PBSO District 8. She went on to share that due to the events at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Campus, there are a lot of state regulations required for school safety. The Deputy Chief shared that Palm Beach County was the first school District in the state to require doors to be locked during instruction time. She went on to share current and new initiatives.

Deputy Chief took questions from the committee members.

b. [PSC-232](#)

PALM BEACH COUNTY FIRE RESCUE REPORT AND PRESENTATION

District Chief Vomero greeted the committee and went on to share the turnout times from June 14th through September 12th. During this period there was a total of 1,402 calls in Wellington. 75% of these calls were medical and 15% were some type of alarm. There was a total of 24 fires. The District Chief shared that the average turnout time was 6 minutes 34 seconds. District Chief Vomero reminded the committee that at the last meeting the committee asked how Fire Rescue fights electric vehicle fires. She introduced Captain Matt Hyman who would present on this topic.

Captain Hyman greeted the committee and went on to share his presentation on EV vehicles and fires. He explained that these kinds of fires pose a unique challenge to firefighters. The firefighters do not have the tools to efficiently extinguish EV Fires and that these fires can take anywhere from 6,000-8,0000 gallons of water to properly extinguish.

Captain Hyman answered questions from the committee members.

c. [PSC-233](#)

PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DISTRICT 8 WELLINGTON REPORT

Lt. Humphrey greeted the committee and went on to share the crime trends in Wellington. He stated that violent crimes have gone down, but they have seen an increase in property crimes specifically in business burglaries. The vehicle burglaries have increased slightly and this is happening to vehicles that are left unlocked. He reminded the committee that PBSO needs to remind the public to lock their vehicles and secure their valuables to prevent this from happening.

Lt. Humphrey shared that traffic enforcement is still a priority in Wellington and because of this, there has been a decrease in traffic accidents. He shared with the committee that there were antisemitic notes that were left on residents' properties. He ensured the committee that this was not an isolated incident but has been happening around Florida and around Palm Beach County. These cases have been turned over to a Specialty Unit and are being investigated. He shared that deputies have been patrolling the around the Temples and will continue to make safety a priority especially as we approach the High Holy days.

He went on to share other crime trends and issues taking place in Wellington such as short-term rentals, golf cart law changes, HOA flags, mail thefts, and the concealed carry law.

Lt. Humphrey took questions from the committee members.

d. [PSC-234](#)

STAFF REPORT

Ms. Coates proposed the time change for the committee meeting to 4:00pm rather than 6:00pm. The members present stated they liked the earlier meeting time.

Ms. Coates shared information about the upcoming October 3rd Neighborhood Watch SCAM Prevention seminar. Ms. Coates also shared the date for the upcoming Public Safety night out on October 13th in conjunction with the Lakeside Market. She went on to share that there is an upcoming Safety Fair at the Polo Fields in December and would share more information once the flyer is completed.

Ms. Coates reminded the committee that the new golf cart laws will be going into effect in October and the Village's awareness campaign will begin the week of September 18th.

Ms. Coates presented the idea to have the topic of this year's Public Safety contest be about Bicycle Safety so that Wellington could meet the requirements for the Bicycle Friendly community accreditation.

Committee members shared that they liked the idea of having a single topic to discuss rather than multiple topics

It was confirmed that the Public Safety contest would include both an essay and art submission.

e. [PSC-237](#)

PRESENTATION OF THE BIKE WELLINGTON BROCHURE

Christian Santa- Gonzalez and Tiesha Arne greeted the committee. Ms. Arne shared with the committee what the purpose of the Bike Wellington Brochure is. She briefly went over what the content of this brochure is. Mr. Santa-Gonzalez went into more detail on the purpose of this brochure and where they would like to distribute the brochures in Wellington.

Ms. Arne and Mr. Santa-Gonzalez took questions from the committee members.

f. [PSC-240](#)

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE 2024 ESSAY CONTEST DISCUSSION

Item was discussed in Ms. Coates' Staff Report.

## IX Public Comments

Wellington resident, Vann Wilber shared his comments regarding the growth of Electric vehicles.

**XI Closing Comments**

The committee members thanked everyone for attending the meeting and stated they enjoyed the presentations.

**XII Adjournment**

Vice Chair Jacqueline Hutman adjourned the meeting at 5:23pm.