

# Village of Wellington

*12300 Forest Hill Blvd  
Wellington, FL 33414*



## Meeting Minutes - Final

**Wednesday, June 14, 2023**

**6:30 PM**

**Village Hall**

## **Public Safety Committee**

*Mohammad Junaid Akther*

*Michael Arena*

*John Archambo*

*Salvatore Van Casteren*

*Jacqueline Hutman*

*Brad Johnson*

*Michael Weil*

**I Call to Order**

Chair Mohammad Junaid Akther called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

**II Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Mohammad Junaid Akther led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III Roll Call**

Members present: Chair Mohammad Junaid Akther, Vice Chair Jacqueline Hutman, Michael Arena, Brad Johnson, and Salvatore Van Casteren.

Members absent: Michael Weil

Guests: Lt. Robert Humphrey, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, District Chief Amanda Vomero, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, Wellington's Engineer, Jonathan Reinsvold and Wellington resident, Vann Wilber

**IV Opening Comments**

Mr. Michael Arena welcomed everyone to the meeting and said he looked forward to this evening's meeting. He also reminded everyone that we are in Hurricane Season and to make a plan.

Mr. Salvatore Van Casteren welcomed everyone and welcomed Lt. Humphrey.

Mr. Brad Johnson had no comments.

Mr. John Archambo had no comments.

Vice Chair Jacqueline Hutman had no comments.

Chair Mohammad Junaid Akther welcomed Lt. Humphrey to the meeting.

**a. [PSC-226](#) SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Jacqueline Hutman nominated Mohammad Junaid Akther for the chair position.

John Archambo seconded the nomination

Mohammad Junaid Akther nominated Jacqueline Hutman for the vice chair position.

Michael Arena seconded the nomination

The committee unanimously passed (6-0) to approve the selection of the Chair and Vice Chair.

**V Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made by John Archambo, seconded by Michael Arena, and unanimously passed (6-0), to approve the presented Agenda.

**VI Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by John Archambo, seconded by Michael Arena, and unanimously passed (6-0), to approve March 8th meeting minutes.

**b. [PSC-228](#) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 8, 2023 REGULAR MEETING**

**VII Old Business**

There was no old business.

**VIII New Business****IX Reports****a. [PSC-225](#) STAFF REPORT**

Ms. Coates gave the staff report. She shared the new change in leadership for the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office District 8 being the newly appointed Captain Nicole Addazio and Lt. Robert Humphrey.

She also shared the appointment of the new Battalion District Chief Amanda Vomero for Palm Beach County Fire Rescue.

Ms. Coates informed the committee on upcoming events and meetings taking place.

**b. [PSC-231](#) PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DISTRICT 8 WELLINGTON REPORT**

Lt. Humphrey greeted and introduced himself to the committee.

He gave an introduction of his background and went on to share the recent crime trends. He shared that the deputies present at tonight's meeting are part of the Aggressive Driving Unit and that the vehicles they drive came were funded through a donation. He went on to share that in the Village, there have been mail thefts taking place and with the help of PBSO they have been able to mitigate this.

The Lt. stated that auto burglaries are still taking place and he reminded the public to continue locking their vehicles.

The Lt. shared that since the last committee meeting, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office is currently deploying body worn cameras by the deputies. He also reminded the committee about the license plate readers and how they have been successful in recovering property.

He shared that District 8 has increased traffic enforcement throughout Wellington and how the District is also working on DUI enforcement.

Lt. Humphrey shared the current shoplifting stats. He stated that the stats are increasing because the value of grand theft has increased. This change has caused some issues and many businesses do not want to press charges.

He also shared that the District 8 deputies were recognized at the Palm Beach County Traffic Safety luncheon on June 13th.

**c. [PSC-230](#) PALM BEACH COUNTY FIRE RESCUE REPORT**

District Chief Vomero greeted and introduced herself to the committee. Chief Vomero shared that Fire Rescue has prepared for the 2023 Hurricane Season.

She went on to share the calls and response times for the last 3 months.

In March, 548 calls, response time: 6min 36 seconds

In April: 521 calls, response time: 6min 36 seconds

In May: 535 calls, response time: 6 min 44 seconds

Chief Vomero went on to share a quarterly update with the committee

[PSC-231](#) PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DISTRICT 8  
WELLINGTON REPORT

d. [PSC-229](#) PRESENTATION OF VISION ZERO AND SAFE STREETS

Village Engineer, Jonathan Reinsvold greeted the committee and gave some background comments about Mr. Vann Wilber. He then introduced Mr. Wilber to the committee.

Mr. Wilber gave a presentation to the committee about the Vision Zero initiatives and a matrix for how the Village of Wellington could get to zero fatalities.

After the presentation, Chief Vomero offered to give a presentation on electric vehicles and how Fire Rescue responds to this matter.

e. [PSC-227](#) SELECTION OF TOP COP AND TOP FIREFIGHTER FOR 2023

Michael Arena stated he would recuse himself from the Top Firefighter nominations since he knows both nominees personally.

After committee discussion, the committee voted (1-5) for Detective Timothy Barbusio for the 2023 Top Cop award.

The committee voted (0-5) for Captain Cecilia Eaton for the 2023 Top Firefighter award.

Ms. Coates reminded the committee that the award winners will be recognized at the September 12th Council meeting.

**X Public Comments**

There was no public comment.

**XI Closing Comments**

Mr. Michael Arena stated that there were great presentations from all presenters this evening. He thanked PBSO and Fire Rescue for all they do.

Mr. Salvatore Van Casteren thanked everyone for their hard work and for their presentations this evening.

Mr. Brad Johnson had no comments.

Mr. John Archambo thanked everyone for the great presentations and for keeping the Village safe and healthy.

Vice Chair Jacqueline Hutman thanked Mr. Wilber for his presentation.

Chair Mohammad Junaid Akther thanked everyone for tonight's presentations and looks forward to the September meeting.

**XII Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.