

# Village of Wellington

*12300 Forest Hill Blvd  
Wellington, FL 33414*



## Meeting Minutes - Draft

**Tuesday, December 19, 2023**

**4:00 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 4:00 pm.

**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, John Archambo, Brad Johnson, and Michael Weil.  
Member absent: Salvatore Van Casteren.

Guests: Captain Nichole Addazio, The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, District Chief Amanda Vomero, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, Elyse Brown, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, Jessica Winter, Solid Waste Authority and Alexa Lee, The Palm Beach County Behavioral Health Coalition.

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

**IV Opening Comments**

No opening comments

**V Approval of Agenda**

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

**VI Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by John Archambo, seconded by Jaqueline Hutman, and unanimously passed (6-0), to approve the September 13, 2023 regular meeting minutes.

- a [PSC-244](#) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2023 REGULAR MEETING

**VII New Business**

- a [PSC-245](#) PRESENTATION BY THE PALM BEACH COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COALITION

Alexa Lee greeted the committee and thanked the committee for allowing her to present. Ms. Lee shared what the Palm Beach County Behavioral Health Coalition does and what grant funding was awarded to the Coalition.

- b [PSC-247](#) DISCUSSION OF THE 2023-2024 LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND (LWCF) GRANT APPLICATION IN THE

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AMOUNT OF \$1,500,000 FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WELLINGTON AQUATICS COMPLEX

Ms. Coates shared with the committee that Wellington has applied for a \$1,500,000 grant for improvements to the Wellington Aquatics Complex. The committee thanked Ms. Coates for sharing this.

## VIII Staff Report

- a [PSC-243](#) PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DISTRICT 8 WELLINGTON REPORT
- Captain Nichole Addazio introduced herself to the committee. Captain Addazio shared how the new command worked to learn how the Village operates and built relationships with community partners. She shared that they did walk-throughs with all Wellington schools.
- She shared that that Juvenile Crimes, Property Crimes, and Traffic are the three main priorities for District 8.
- Captain Addazio shared the seasonal operations taking place and answered questions from the committee. Captain Addazio reminded members to lock their vehicles, homes, and garage doors.
- b [PSC-242](#) PALM BEACH COUNTY FIRE RESCUE REPORT AND PRESENTATION
- District Chief Vomero greeted the committee and went on to share the turnout times from September 12th through December 12th. During this period there was a total of 1,492 calls in Wellington. The District Chief shared that the average response time was 6 minutes 46 seconds.
- She shared that the rescue trucks have comfort kits for those individuals with Autism. The kits have ear muffs, fidget spinners, and stress balls. The kits have been on the trucks for about a year. She also shared that Fire Rescue implemented digital information cards for someone who is nonverbal.
- Chief Vomero introduced Elyse Brown from Fire Rescue and Jessica Winter from Solid Waste Authority to speak on Lithium Batteries. The presenters shared what the problem is with lithium batteries and how they should be properly disposed of. The presentation shared information on how to dispose of lithium batteries and reminded viewers of the damage they can cause in a home if they are not properly disposed of. The committee asked questions to the speakers relating to lithium batteries and outreach initiatives.
- c [PSC-241](#) STAFF REPORT
- Ms. Coates greeted the committee and reminded the members that the next scheduled meeting is March 13th at 4 pm in Council Chambers. She also mentioned that a contract was awarded for the Vision Zero plan.
- d [PSC-246](#) PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE 2024 ESSAY AND ART CONTEST DISCUSSION
- Ms. Coates reviewed the drafts for the Public Safety Art and Essay Contest

criteria. She shared that the topic of this year's contest is road safety.

The committee was pleased with this year's topic. They inquired about a new numbering system for the entries. Ms. Coates shared that she would get back to the committee on ideas to streamline this procedure.

**IX Public Comments**

There were no public comments

**X Closing Comments**

The committee enjoyed the presentations and congratulated Vice Chair Jaqueline Hutman on her 17 years of service to the committee and Chair Mohammad Junaid Akther for his 7 years of service to the committee. The committee wished everyone a happy holiday.

**XI Adjournment**

Chair Mohammad Junaid Akther adjourned the meeting at 5:21 pm