

# **Village of Wellington**

*12300 Forest Hill Blvd  
Wellington, FL 33414*



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, September 25, 2019**

**6:30 PM**

**Village Hall - Council Chambers**

## **Public Safety Committee**

*Michael Weil, Chair  
Ron Herman, Vice Chair  
Jacqueline Hutman  
Mohammad Junaid Akther  
William Flack  
Cherie McBrayer  
Ernie Zimmerman*

**I Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

**II Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

**III Roll Call**

Members present: Chair Michael Weil, Vice Chair Ron Herman, Ernie Zimmerman, Jacqueline Hutman, Cheri McBrayer, Muhammed Akther, William Flack.

Staff present: Staff Liaison Nicole Coates, Administrative Support Laura Aldrich

Others present: Lt. Eli Shaivitz, District Chief William Rowley.

Guests: Jeremy Hurd, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Chaplain and EMS Captain

**IV Opening Comments**

Mr. Weil reported that he and Mr. Zimmerman had attended the September Council meeting where the Top Cop and Top Firefighter awards had been presented.

**V Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Weil called for a motion to approve the September 25, 2019 agenda as presented.

Mr. Zimmerman made the motion, seconded by Ms. McBrayer. Motion passed unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

**VI Approval of Minutes****A. [PSC-127](#) CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JUNE 26, 2019 REGULAR MEETING**

Mr. Weil called for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2019 regular meeting.

Mr. Zimmerman made the motion, seconded by Mr. Flack. Motion passed unanimously to approve the June 25, 2019 regular meeting minutes.

**VII Presentations****[PSC-124](#) PRESENTATION BY JEREMY HURD, PALM BEACH COUNTY FIRE RESCUE**

Mr. Weil introduced Jeremy Hurd, Chaplain and EMS Captain from Palm Beach County Fire Rescue.

Mr. Hurd provided some background on himself and his position with Palm Beach County Fire Rescue. As a Chaplain, he had opportunity to teach around the Country. He discussed ways that information was provided to first responders that would allow them to talk about their experiences on the job and dealing with trauma. Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) teams were often sent out during or after a particularly bad incident to provide assistance. CISM teams were comprised of multiple agencies and allowed first responders to share experiences and have conversations aimed at assisting with post traumatic event issues. Suicide rates among first responders and firefighters tended to be extremely high. Providing an outlet for them to talk about their experiences. Peer support was offered and there was a national organization that was trained to deal with those traumatic situations with a goal to providing proper help. Each jurisdiction had its own policies and protocols. The Florida Firefighter Safety and Health Collaborative had developed a State-wide network. The Palm Beach County area in general was ahead of much of the country in regard to providing these types of services.

## VIII Staff Report

Mr. Lundeen provided an update of the traffic study at the Olympia subdivision entry at Stribling to address traffic related complaints during school hours. Results had been provided to Mr. Flack who was a Board member for the Olympia subdivision. Because the road in question was privately owned by the Olympia Master Association, any constructions costs would be borne by the HOA. The Village would cover design costs.

Various other options were discussed including suggesting that parents utilize other means of ingress/egress into and out of the subdivision during school hours.

Mr. Zimmerman asked for an update on Foresteria and Greenview Shores.

Mr. Lundeen responded that, in that area, parents were using the center area to park thereby blocking site lines. The median had been extended and landscaping would be installed. It had been determined that the location did not warrant a traffic signal or a 4 way stop, however, a roundabout might prove beneficial as a traffic calming measure.

Mr. Akther commented on the difficulty of conducting a left turn out of the Versailles community during high traffic periods.

Ms. Coates provided information regarding upcoming events. The next meeting of the PSC would take place on Wednesday, January 22nd. The Teen Safe Driving Coalitions would make a presentation at both Wellington area high schools. Ms. Coates had also discussed the essay contest with the schools. Submissions would be directed to Ms. Coates. A deadline of December 13th was proposed with winners selected by the Committee at their January 22nd meeting. The rubric for grading would be provided.

Safe Trick or Treating options included Wellington's Fall Festival and the Trunk or Treat event at the Wellington High School on October 31st. Community

Services in coordination with Community Policing Officers would be holding a child safety event on October 26th (flyers were provided). Wellington had also been selected as a top place to live by Money Magazine and was the only city in south Florida to make the list. The Village was also inviting residents to participate in a two-part series related to the Wellington Town Center Master Plan.

## IX Reports

### A. [PSC-125](#)

#### PALM BEACH COUNTY FIRE RESCUE REPORTS

Chief Rowley reviewed the most recent response time report numbers, stating that the average response times remained at 6.20 and 6.30. They ran approximately 430 to 440 calls per month consistent with the previous year. Response times had remained consistent from 2014 even though they had experienced an increase in call volume from 2014 to 2018. Calls for units coming into Wellington were included in those response times. Chief Rowley reported 309 medical calls last year compared to 311 this year. Call numbers year to year remained largely consistent with the more predominant calls being medical. He also reported on the Stop the Bleed training which had been conducted with the Village. Wellington now had certified trainers equipped to provide the training to employees. A class had been scheduled for December for all Public Works employees. Palm Beach County Fire Rescue staff would be in attendance to assist the trainers.

Palm Beach County Fire Rescue would hold their 35th Anniversary Celebration on October 5th at their Pike Road facility from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. The event was open to families with units on site including a crash truck, food and demonstrations.

### B. [PSC-128](#)

#### PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DISTRICT 8 WELLINGTON REPORT

Lt. Shaivitz discussed Sheriff's Office response times, with call times ranging between 6 to 8 minutes within Wellington, including units coming into Wellington to respond to a priority call. Recent crime data showed many areas down, although business burglaries and residential burglaries had ticked up slightly. Beginning on October 1st they would have a Civilian Service Aide who would work predominately traffic crashes. Wellington had also approved an additional Deputy Sheriff along with the new contract. Because the new CSA would be added to the traffic unit, Sgt. Porath would now be the traffic and community policing Sergeant. PBSO continued to conduct heavy enforcement on golf cart usage, looking for compliance rather than ticketing or towing. A flyer was provided at all golf cart stops which outlined the laws for use of golf carts and low speed vehicles.

Additional discussion included Reverse 911, and the recent installation of license plate reader (LPR) cameras in Wellington. Lt. Shaivitz encouraged everyone to download the Connect and Protect App.

## X Old Business

### A. [PSC-126](#)

#### UPDATE ON TEXTING WHILE DRIVING ESSAY CONTEST

Ms. Coates discussed the essay contest. Mr. Zimmerman inquired as to whether it would be a conflict for him to be part of the selection process if one of his grandchildren entered the contest.

Ms. Coates stated that submissions would be blind so there should be no issue.

Ms. Hutman inquired as to the benefit of the contest with the new texting while driving law.

Mr. Akther made a motion to proceed with the essay contest, seconded by Mr. Flack. Motion was approved unanimously.

There was a discussion regarding timing and incorporating the essay with the presentation tour. She stated that winners could be announced at the schools during the presentations somewhere between March 16th and March 20th. Winners could also be announced at a Village Council meeting.

Mr. Herman made a motion to approve the timing of the announcement of the winners, seconded by Ms. McBrayer. Motion passed unanimously.

## **XI New Business**

- A. [PSC-129](#) 2020 FLORIDA RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT FOR TOWN CENTER BOARDWALK AND BOATING FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS
- Ms. Coates briefly discussed the two (2) grants included in the agenda which contained a requirement for presentation at a Village Committee meeting to allow for public comment. There was no action required by the Committee.
- B. [PSC-130](#) 2020 FLORIDA RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT FOR GREENBRIAR PARK VOLLEYBALL COURT IMPROVEMENTS

## **XII Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

## **XIII Closing Comments**

Mr. Herman was happy to see the essay item proceeding.

Mr. Akther thanked Mr. Herman for bringing the essay idea forward, and Ms. Hutman for her contributions.

Mr. Flack thanked everyone for their reports.

Mr. Weil commented that he was impressed with Alert Wellington.

Mr. Zimmerman wished everyone happy holidays.

## **XIV Adjournment**

Mr. Zimmerman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Hutman. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.