

**PUBLIC SAFETY
AGENDA
January 16th, 2020
4:30 P.M.**

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- II. Adoption of Minutes
 - 1. November 21st 2019
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- VIII. Next Meeting Date: February 20th, 2020
- IX. Adjournment

**Public Safety
Committee Meeting
Minutes
January 16th 2020**

Mrs. Gulley called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Committee members present included Tina Gulley, Chairperson, Deborah Ball and John Ragsdale.

Also present: John B. Edwards, Town Manager; Karen Barrow, Town Clerk and Tim Sawyer, Chief of Police.

I. Agenda Changes

There were no changes made to the agenda.

II. Adoption of Minutes

1. November 21st 2019

Mr. Ragsdale made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented, seconded by Mrs. Ball. Upon a unanimous vote the motion was approved.

III. Proposed legislation

1. HB 1258 – Emergency Management

Mr. Edwards advised that Delegate Hodges has introduced the bill and it will be heard in Committee tomorrow. There should be more information available on the status in about a week.

2. HB 1259 – Parking Regulations

Mr. Edwards advised that Delegate Hodges has introduced the bill on Parking Regulations, it has been referred to Committee. Mr. Edwards stated that he does not know when the Parking Regulations will be heard by the Committee.

Mr. Edwards stated that he would keep Town Council informed about the bills as information becomes available.

IV. Police Updates

1. Fitness Program

Chief Sawyer advised that Fire Chief Bartos has a fitness instructor from the Henrico Fire Department that is developing a program for the West Point Fire and Rescue departments. Chief Bartos is allowing the Police Department to be part of the fitness program. The Instructor is providing individual fitness programs for each officer and

the Town Manager. It's a voluntary program providing an opportunity for members to become healthier and fitter.

2. Equipment Changes

Chief Sawyer advised that over the past few months the department has disposed of some out dated equipment and replaced them with some new updated items. If an officer uses his/her side arm in an incident, that side arm would be seized while the incident is under investigation, the department has no spare side arm for an officer to use if an incident was to occur. We now have spare equipment so the department can be operational under certain circumstances. Chief Sawyer also reviewed two new riffles to replace older Vietnam riffles that were on loan from the Government. The Government rifles will be returned.

3. Citizens Advisory Committee

Chief Sawyer advised that he would like start a Citizens Advisory Committee to meet quarterly to educate the public on what the police department does.

Mr. Hudson stated that he has no problem with engaging the community and that an open meeting similar to what the Town Manager held recently is a good idea.

4. Accreditation

Chief Sawyer advised that the Accreditation process will begin this year, we are planning a mock accreditation sometime during the summer.

V. 2020 Committee Meeting Schedule

Mrs. Gulley asked if there is any interest for the Committee to meet bi-monthly.

Mr. Edwards stated that he would rather meet every other month and have something to discuss than cancel a meeting because there are no agenda items.

Mrs. Gulley made a motion for the Committee to meet bi-monthly in January, March, May, July, September and November at 4:30 p.m. Seconded by Mrs. Ball. Upon a unanimous vote, the motion was approved.

VI. General Information

1. FY2020-2021 Budget

Mr. Edwards advised that FY 2020-2021 budget request will be presented at the Town Council meeting on January 28th, 2020.

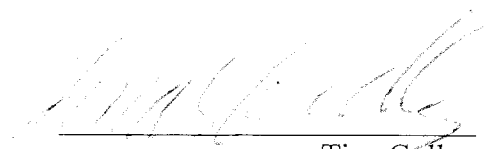
VII. Town Council Agenda

Mr. Edwards stated there are no agenda items for the Town Council agenda.

VIII. **Next Meeting Date:** March 19th 2020 @ 4:30 p.m.

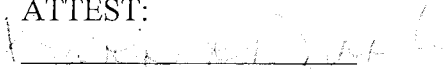
IX. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mrs. Gulley adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.



Tina Gulley
Chairperson

ATTEST:



Karen M. Barrow
Town Clerk