

LEWISVILLE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 4, 2023

Town Hall Conference Room #201

- I. **Call to Order** - Chair Cobert called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. In attendance were Harlan Cobert, Chris Cobert, Robert Fitzpatrick Aaron Hutmacher, Annemarie Stanford, Warren McMahan, Sergeant PJ Stringer, Fire Chief Darin Needham, and Town Manager James Ayers. Matthew O'Connor, Veronica Thomas, and Vienna Fire Chief Tim Lasley were absent.
- II. **Agenda Approval** – Chris Cobert moved to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Robert Fitzpatrick and motion was approved unanimously.
- III. **Minutes Approval**
 - A. Annemarie Stanford moved to approve the March 7, 2023 minutes. Motion was seconded by Chris Cobert and motion was approved unanimously.
- IV. **Public Safety Reports**
 - A. Forsyth County Sheriff's Office – Sgt. Stringer shared the February stats. He noted that residents need to lock their vehicles at all times and not to leave valuables visible.
 - B. Lewisville Fire Department – The Lewisville Fire Department has been responding to support fires in Clemmons and Yadkinville. The generator at Station 11 has been installed and acceptance testing has been completed. Renovation of Station 11 has been moved to the five-year plan and hope to secure grant funding to offset renovation costs. The new brush truck although functional is not fully in service. The department is focusing on recruitment and utilizing social media and career fairs.
 - C. Vienna Fire Department – No report
- V. **Old Business**
 - A. Public Safety Awareness Day – The Public Safety Awareness Day event will now be a National Night Out event. This will be a family-friendly event with law enforcement and fire departments participating. A subcommittee of Harlan Cobert and Annemarie Stanford will work with Town staff on planning the event. Mr. Cobert envisions a plan similar to an Incident Action Plan which will be a training tool for committee members.
 - B. Community Watch/Safe Neighborhood program – The subcommittee has been gathering information and looking at resources related to community safety programs. Sgt. Stringer recommend the subcommittee contact Sgt. Butch Moore that the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office, since Sgt. Moore is over the Community Outreach Program. The committee's goal is to provide information to the HOAs and community, noting each community has different needs. Manger Ayers shared some information with the subcommittee. The subcommittee will have a proposal for consideration at the May meeting with implementation in June/July.
- VI. **New Business** - None
- VII. **Clerk Report**
 - A. Council has appointed Matthew O'Connor and Veronica Thomas to the committee.

VIII. For the Good of the Order

- A. CERT training – May 5-7 at MAWCC – All instructors are confirmed and eleven participants registered. Mr. Cobert has inquired if some local boy and girl scout troops can participate as ‘victims’ for the Sunday exercise.
- B. Next regular scheduled meeting is May 2, 2023.

IX. **Adjournment** – Chris Cobert moved to adjourn at 6:18 PM. Motion was seconded by Aaron Hutmacher and motion was approved unanimously.

ATTEST:

Harlan Cobert, Chair

Dora K. Moore, Town Clerk