

LEWISVILLE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 2, 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, Aaron Hutmacher, Annemarie Stanford, Warren McMahan, Veronica Thomas, Sergeant PJ Stringer, Fire Chief Darin Needham, Fire Chief Tim Lasley, Town Manager James Ayers and Public Works Director Jon Hanna. Robert Fitzpatrick and Matthew O'Connor were absent.
- II. **Agenda Approval** – Chris Cobert moved to approve the amended agenda to include Emergency Communications Preparedness under old business. The National Night Out date was corrected as well. Motion was seconded by Annemarie Stanford and motion was approved unanimously.
- III. **Minutes Approval**
 - A. Annemarie Stanford moved to approve the April 4, 2023 minutes. Motion was seconded by Aaron Hutmacher and motion was approved unanimously.
- IV. **Public Safety Reports**
 - A. Forsyth County Sheriff's Office – Sgt. Stringer shared the March stats.
 - B. Lewisville Fire Department – Chief Needham shared current year-to-date stats and a visual aid map reflecting response times which demonstrated a fairly standard distribution based on the Town populace. The new brush truck has been up fitted and the lighting package will be completed soon. A preconstruction meeting for the new pumper was held last week and completion is anticipated by year-end. Chief Needham, along with other area fire chiefs, is trying to finalize an approximately, 150-hour certification program that all Forsyth County Fire Departments can use.
 - C. Vienna Fire Department – Chief Lasley shared first quarter stats. He cautioned everyone to use caution with items containing lithium ion batteries such as cellphones, e-scooters, etc. Fires resulting from these batteries are becoming a nationwide issue. The new, 3,000 gallon tanker truck should be received in July. In May 2024, the department will receive a new engine truck. Four cadets, ages 14-15 years old, have joined the department.
- V. **Old Business**
 - A. National Night Out – National Night Out will be August 1 at Shallowford Square. A subcommittee of Harlan Cobert, Chris Cobert and Annemarie Stanford will work with Town staff on planning the event and communications. The committee discussed having fire department apparatus, BAT mobile and a dunking booth along with emergency personnel from various Town and Forsyth County agencies. Manager Ayers and Chief Lasley will explore the possibility of free hot dogs being given to attendees.
 - B. Community Watch/Safe Neighborhood program – The subcommittee consisting of Aaron Hutmacher and Veronica Thomas presented their initial proposal: 1) Hold a Community Watch/Safe Neighborhood meeting in Fall 2023; 2) provide a guidebook; and, 3) develop a Town webpage providing resources and links. The next step for the subcommittee is to contact the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office Community Relations. Once everything is ready, Manager Ayers will assist with communications in the newsletter and social media as deemed appropriate.
 - C. Emergency Communications Preparedness – Chair Cobert reported the Council is disinclined to approve the committee's budget requests for radios, etc. Council feels the Town can leverage the local fire departments and Forsyth County Sheriff's Office for major events. Chair Cobert plans to

attend the Council's May 11th meeting to speak during the budget public hearing and encouraged other committee members to attend the meeting as well. After all discussion was done, the committee fully agreed that they would support the Council's final decision.

VI. **New Business** - None

VII. **Clerk Report**

- A. Ice Cream Social – The Town's annual volunteer Ice Cream Social will be Friday, May 19 at Mary Alice Warren Community Center, 4:30-6:30 PM. RSVP to townclerk@lewisvillenc.net by May 5.
- B. National Night Out – Shallowford Square has been reserved for the August 1, 2023 event.
 - i. PSAC's August 1, 2023 meeting has been cancelled due to the National Night Out event.

VIII. **For the Good of the Order**

- A. CERT training – Due to minimal enrollment, Chair Cobert has postponed the CERT training originally scheduled for May 5-7 at Mary Alice Warren Community Center until October 6-8.
- B. Next regular scheduled meeting is May 2, 2023.

IX. **Adjournment** – Chris Cobert moved to adjourn at 7:11 PM. Motion was seconded by Annemarie Stanford and motion was approved unanimously.

ATTEST:

Harlan Cobert, Chair

Dora K. Moore, Town Clerk