



## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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*Councilmember Christopher Werner - Chairperson  
Councilmember Jason DiPonzo, Co-Chairperson*

The Town of Brighton Public Safety Committee convened on Tuesday March 8, 2022 at 08:00 hrs. in the Auditorium, Brighton Town Hall, 2300 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester, New York 14618.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at or around 8:00 AM

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Agenda approved

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Receive and file minutes of the February 8, 2021 meeting.

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Supervisor William Moehle

Councilmember Christopher Werner, Chair

David Catholdi, Chief, Brighton Police Department

Mike DeSain, Deputy Chief, Brighton Police Department

Jevon Tomaschko, Chief of Operations, Brighton Volunteer Ambulance

Mark Audino, Battalion Chief, Henrietta Fire District

Mike Guyon, Commissioner of Public Works, Town of Brighton DPW

Christopher Roth, Chief Fire Marshal, Town of Brighton

### **GUESTS**

Councilmember Robin Wilt

Councilmember Christine Corrado

Stacy Bartl

Jackie Consol

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

### **OPEN FORUM:**

Jackie Consol, a representative from the Monroe County Clerk's office explained the pistol permit application and approval process and how information is shared from fingerprints to judicial review and approval.

She continued to answer questions about individuals which may have infractions and how they may or may not affect their pistol permit and how they input and track that information.

All pistol permit applications are handled by the Monroe County Sheriff's Office or New York State Police with respect to fingerprinting and information and background investigations.

Clerk's Office is working on provided updated information handout about gun safety and storage, many subject matter experts including a profession from the University of Rochester are providing information for the update.

## **NETWORKING:**

- **Brighton Ambulance** – The following information outlines the activities for Brighton Volunteer Ambulance for the calendar year of 2022 and month of February.
  - Brighton Volunteer Ambulance responded to a total of 638 requests for service throughout the month of February, with a total of 428 being within the Brighton Ambulance District, with 231 Brighton Residents receiving services.
  - A total of 207 requests for Mutual Aid were received for surrounding ambulance districts. Of those 207 requests, Brighton Volunteer Ambulance responded to 110 of those requests.
  - Total Brighton Volunteer Ambulance requests for service up to March 1st is 1303 (an increase of 22% from 2021 volume, 29% from this month last year).
  - Code 32 reserve policy was applied 32 times in the month of January. Of those 32 occasions, BVA staff were able to respond to 17 calls within the district that otherwise would have been assigned to mutual aid, showing an efficacy of 54%.
  - Training Dept. expansion is an on-going effort. We are looking to do simulation training with BFD in the near future.
  - Staffing regionally is in short supply, this is indicated by the mutual aid, and BVA part time staff absence.
  - Hospital wait times have plateaued.
  - Code 32 policy adjustments have been made and applications are expected to significantly increase.
  - Loan closet has re-opened
  - RG&E has not provided a traffic plan as of this date, despite requests made last meeting and pending closure within days. BVA anticipates significant hindrances based on volume and backup secondary to single lane operation.
- **Brighton Fire Department** –
  - 478 calls year to date
  - 1 working fire since the last meeting (Eastbrooke Lane on March 1; cause remains under investigation by the Monroe County Fire Bureau)
  - there will be a new volunteer information session on March 21 at 7PM; details on the BFD Facebook page
- **Brighton DPW** –
  - Recent Wind Storm – 6 or 7 Town Trees downed –
  - Crews are working at Farmer's Market on Westfall Road – Debris Removal with old structure debris / foundations
  - March 2022 should be starting yard debris removal pick up services.
  - 4/11/2022 staff changeover to 4 – 10 hour days

- **Brighton Police Department**

- Deputy Chief DeSain - Special events
  - Lilac 5 & 10 K races (May 22, 2022 5K 8AM start / 10K 930 AM start)
    - Coordinated traffic post between portions by City of Rochester Police within their portion and then Brighton Police for their Town related portion.
    - Discussion about running route and various intersection closings with runner safety and interaction with neighborhoods to allow ingress and egress between events.
    - Event usually concludes around 1045 or 1100 hours.
  - 10,731 Calls for Service YTD

- **Henrietta Fire District**

- As of 2/28:
  - YTD Calls for the Whole District: 1,138 (79% increase over last year)
  - YTD Calls in West Brighton: 120
  - February 2022 calls in West Brighton: 52

- **Town Council – No Report**

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **RE MATTER: RGE Winton Road Gas Main Replacement Project –**

RGE addressed the committee and provided updates as to the recent public information sessions and continues to get some email and feedback from the residents.

The proposed traffic plan was recently tabled, as the meeting was canceled, by the City of Rochester and should be approved for distribution shortly.

Ongoing discussion about night time work and the OSHA requirements for back alarms and potential excavation noise through night time work.

### **RE MATTER: Update on the Catalytic Converter theft taskforce - Cathold**

- The is a task force meeting soon to review the recent data and enforcement actions taken.
- Activity on the Town of Brighton appears to be on the decline.

**RE MATTER:** Review and Evaluation on increase in handgun purchases in Brighton vs. National Trends- Werner

***This matter was handled in the open forum with Monroe County Clerk's Office***

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**RE MATTER:** Change of speed limit on Winton to 30mph from 35mph to Westfall – Corrado

Discussion on submitting a request to Monroe County DOT to reduce the speed limit as there are proposed road structure improvements (striping and signage) soon. Commissioner Guyon to prepare the letter and submit the request to lower the speed limit from 35 mph to 30mph.

**RE MATTER:** COVID test distribution – Werner

Many ideas and suggestions about distribution of COVID 19 home test kits to areas in the Town of Brighton which could benefit for the recent distribution. Committee members can contact Steve Zimmer at Brighton Highway (585) 784- 5228 to make pick up arrangements.

**THE TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING IS Tuesday April 12, 2022 @ 0800 Hours**