



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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*Councilmember Christopher Werner - Chairperson
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The Town of Brighton Public Safety Committee convened on Tuesday, January 9, 2023, at 08:00 hrs. in the Auditorium, Brighton Town Hall, 2300 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester, New York 14618.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Receive and file minutes of the December 12, 2023, meeting.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Supervisor William Moehle
Councilmember Christopher Werner - Chairperson
Councilmember Nate Salzman, Co-Chairperson
David Catholdi, Chief, Brighton Police Department
Mike DeSain, Deputy Chief, Brighton Police Department
Mark Audino, Battalion Chief, Henrietta Fire District
William Clark, Captain, Brighton Fire Department
Jevon Tomaschko, Chief of Operations, Brighton Volunteer Ambulance
Evert Garcia, Commissioner of Public Works
Christopher Roth, Chief Fire Marshal, Town of Brighton

GUESTS

Councilmember Robin Wilt

COMMUNICATIONS:

OPEN FORUM:

NETWORKING:

Brighton Ambulance

The following information outlines the activities for Brighton Volunteer Ambulance for December 2023.

- Brighton Volunteer Ambulance received a total of 748 requests for service throughout the month of December, with a total of 569 being within the Brighton Ambulance District, with 329 Brighton Residents receiving services.
- A total of 170 requests for Mutual Aid were received for surrounding ambulance districts. Of those 170 requests, Brighton Volunteer Ambulance responded to 47 calls for Mutual Aid.
- Code 32 policy was applied 83 times. Of those 83 instances, BVA responded to 49 calls within the Town of Brighton at that time showing an efficacy of 59%.
- Total Brighton Volunteer Ambulance requests for service up to January 1st is 8,494 (a decrease of 3% from 2022 volume).
- Webster EMS is set to shut down by 3/31/24. This is expected to create a significant draw in Mutual Aid in the coming weeks and until a permanent solution is found.

Brighton Fire Department

- As of January 1st, 2024 –
 - Stephen MacAdam is Chief of the Department
 - Ted Aroesty is Deputy Chief
 - Patrick Meagher is Assistant Chief
- Congratulations are for Career Lieutenant Steve Cline, Career Lieutenant Nick Jeffries and Career Lieutenant Steve Benson who have been promoted to career Captain(s), effective January 1, 2024.
- Small Fire on Fireside Drive (Monday 1/8/2024) – Couch next to fireplace insert.
- Staffing and preparation for wind and weather event (Tuesday 1/9/2024)

Brighton DPW

- Monitoring and preparing for upcoming Wind and Weather Event (Tuesday 1/9/2024)

Brighton Police Department

Calls for service to end of December 2023: 50,671 (preliminary numbers will be verifying)

- Captain Caraballo and Deputy Chief DeSain will be switching positions January 19th
- We are closely monitoring today's (Tuesday 1/9/2024) expected wind event.
- Edgewood Av Traffic Details:
 - 18 tickets over 9 days
- Penfield Road Crash Data
 - 43 crashes over 5 years
 - 9 injury crashes
 - 3 involving bicycle pedestrians.

Henrietta Fire District

2023 Data

- 7,193 total responses, down ~4% from 2022. This is attributed to a change in EMS coding which resulted in ~600 fewer EMS responses vs the year before and fewer severe weather responses.
- 964 responses in West Brighton, up 15%. Part of this can be attributed to an increase in responses to MCC (up ~28% over 2022) and a ~300% increase in responses to Helio Health at 1850 Brighton Henrietta Townline Rd
- 42% of the time, we were operating at 2 or more calls simultaneously in the district
- \$57K grant secured for upgrades to the West Henrietta Rd station, with those anticipated to begin in the first quarter.
- As of January 1st, staffing is 73 career firefighters and officers, 51 volunteer firefighters and officers, 4 career dispatchers, 2 administrative staff, 1 mechanic.
- A more detailed 2023 summary will be provided for the next meeting.

Town Council

- No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

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RE MATTER: Update - Crosswalk - Highland Avenue: @ Grosvenor Rd, Pelham Rd, and Council Rock Ave.

Commissioner Garcia provided a draft copy of the Town of Brighton sidewalk policy for review and possible adoption. Some discussion about how a request was to be filed, by a neighborhood association, if available, or smaller number of area representatives, such as 5 residents instead of 10 residents as detailed in the draft proposal.

If adopted, this would need necessary future budget funding as staff time and resources will become part of the review process and then costs to implement the crosswalk installation itself.

RE MATTER: Update - Traffic signal at North Landing and Blossom Roads.

NYS DOT is reviewing the request and will report back to the committee upon response to the agency's findings.

RE MATTER: Update - Edgewood Ave's aggressive drivers & potential solutions – DC Desain

Neighborhood Petition with signatures has been forwarded to Monroe County DOT. Once the request has been reviewed an update will be provided back to the committee.

NEW BUSINESS

RE MATTER: Crosswalk Penfield Road – Werner

The request for sidewalks and crosswalks has also been forwarded to Monroe County DOT for review and possible implementation of a future crosswalk installation once required improvements by the Town of Brighton at Forest Hills and Penfield Road have been completed. Brighton Police provided some traffic and accident data with 91% of the traffic captured within tolerance of the posted speed limit.

SET TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday February 13, 2024 @ 0800 Hours