

Town of North Greenbush

Public Safety Committee
Monday, May 9, 2022; 6:30 pm

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- * Call to Order
- * Approval of Minutes
- * Police Reform Plan Update
- * Intersection Update:
 - Bloomingrove Drive and Winter Street Extension
 - Town Hall / Library (solar crosswalk sign)
- * Speed Limit Reduction Request for North Road
- * ATV's / Dirt Bikes
- * Ambulance Update
- * First Responders Event
- * Restriping of Pedestrian Crosswalks
- * Open Discussion

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Attendees:

Chief Dave Keevern
Michael Masone
Supervisor Joe Bott
Deputy Supervisor Kelly Hoffman

Bill Stewart
Jim Schirmer
Kathy Allen

Absent:

Bob Durivage
Mark Premo

Community Members:

Robert House
Michael Cannistraci
Cris Hine
Karen Sheridan

Call to Order - the meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm by Chairwoman Hoffman

Approval of Minutes - the minutes of the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Masone, seconded by Mrs. Allen. All were in favor.

Police Reform Plan Update - Chief Keevern provided an update on the police reform and reinvention collaborative plan, both de-escalation and EDP training, monthly reports, police blotter and other training for officers.

Intersection Update:

- Bloomingrove Drive and Winter Street Extension - Chief Keevern reported the four way stop is in place.
- Town Hall / Library (solar crosswalk sign) - Chairwoman Hoffman reported that per Comptroller Germano, DOT will be requesting additional traffic studies before an additional crosswalk device will be approved. DOT expressed a potential opportunity to fund the solar device, if approved.

Speed Limit Reduction Request for North Road - through Councilman Gordon, it was reported there are several neighbors in the North Road area requesting review of the speed limit. Discussion ensued with community members/neighbors from the area participating and provided input on the issue related to neighbors walking the road, visibility and speeding. Chief Keevern indicated he would place the speed trailer at the location, have officers perform additional patrols of the area and other measures. He would investigate with Mr. Premo the opportunity to add additional speed limit signage based on regulations, if there is an opportunity to add a stop sign at Birchwood and also look at the line of site at the bottom of the hill. At this time, the chief recommended the speed limit not be reduced until other measures are investigated; the board was in agreement at looking at additional measures.

ATV's / Dirt Bikes - Chairwoman Hoffman provided input from residents regarding complaints about people riding dirt bikes on their property. Ms. Sheridan indicated this is causing noise, safety concerns, anxiety and stress and impacting quality of life. Chief Keevern indicated it was difficult to address the issue if the persons are riding on their own property. Members would look into other municipalities on how this is being handled but the chief indicated this would be very difficult to manager since no laws were being broken.

Ambulance Update - Mrs. Allen provided an update from the ambulance commission. VRM calls have increased substantially. Much of this is due to lack of availability from Mohawk. There was discussion about whether the town can charge additional user fees for businesses who utilize the ambulance service frequently. This will be looked at through legal.

First Responders Event - Chairwoman Hoffman reported the First Responders event was a success and would like to thank all agencies for participating. She also gave special recognition to Len Johnson and Bonnie Pangburn for their efforts in helping to coordinate this great event.

Restriping of Pedestrian Crosswalks - Mr. Premo was not present but reported to Chairwoman Hoffman restriping of walkways is underway.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.