



**Town of Port Deposit
Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER - Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

PRESENT - Chairman Brown, Deputy Mayor Kuhs, Councilman Knight, Chief of Police Smith, and Town Administrator Rinkerman.

ABSENT – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The committee reviewed the minutes from the September 1, 2020 Public Safety Committee Meeting.

Motion was made by Councilman Knight to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Chairman Brown. Abstention – Deputy Mayor Kuhs. Motion carried.

BDC MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The Bainbridge Development Corporation (BDC) responded to the draft MOU with the town regarding the previously discussed possibility of Chief of Police Smith patrolling the property for 4 hours a week. The BDC has stated they do not have an interest in the additional costs of the extra patrolling of the property. Phase II of the development will be starting and with more persons on the property and the update surveillance system in place, the BDC does not believe there is a need for designated patrols of the property at this time.

TOWN CAMERA SYSTEM – NEXT STEPS

Councilman Knight explained to the committee that the town’s camera system was designed to be modular with additions made, specifically done in three phases. The third phase consists of the addition of cameras moving north. Discussed locations included the parking lot beside Water Witch Fire Company, the Rice Tot Lot/Dog Park, and basketball court. The next steps would include contacting the vendor to obtain and estimate and discuss the line of sight for the additional cameras.

SALE OF TOWN PROPERTY - After clarification from Legal Counsel McCarron, Councilman Knight discussed with the Committee the possible sale of the firearms left over from the former Police Department. The Committee discussed a consignment or “private party” using a licensed dealer to complete the transfer and all legislative measures. Chief of Police Smith informed the committee of the property in possession and potential solutions.

CHIEF’S REPORT - Chief of Police Smith informed the Committee that she has requested a waiver with MPTC for abstention from the mandatory supervisors school training because she does not supervise any employees. The requested waiver will be reviewed Wednesday, October 7, 2020.

Chief of Police Smith discussed various complaints and recent instances within town including golf carts, tractor trailers, and unregulated tents/camping.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. The meeting was recorded and audio is available upon request.

Approved:

Kevin Brown, Chairman