

**LEWISVILLE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
Town Hall 6510 Shallowford Road Room 201  
Meeting Minutes  
March 5, 2019 - 5:30 p.m.

**I. Call to Order**

- A. Chair Harlan Cobert called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Committee members present were Chris Cobert, Charles Duryea and Dale Harriman. The committee was advised that Member Lorentz will be absent due to a medical procedure. Gray King and Kevin Rice were not present. Lewisville Fire Chief Darin Needham was present. Representatives from the Town, Sheriff's Office and the Vienna Fire Department were not present.

**II. Approval of Agenda**

- A. The spelling on VIII.A. was corrected.
- B. With that notation, Chris Cobert moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Dale Harriman and approved unanimously.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

- A. February 5, 2019
  - 1. Chris Cobert's name was misspelled in III.A.1.
  - 2. With that correction, Charles Duryea moved to approve the February 5, 2019 minutes. The motion was seconded by Dale Harriman and approved unanimously.

**IV. Guests**

- A. None

**V. Statistical Reviews**

- A. Review stats from Fire Departments
  - 1. Chief Needham didn't have a statistical report; however, he did update the committee on the following:
    - a. There was a notable fire incident in Sequoia and all animals were rescued.
    - b. There has been moderate flooding due to all the rain.
    - c. The fire department is working with the county on reimbursements from Hurricane Michael. All fire departments filed collectively to make the needed threshold for filing.
    - d. The department has a new pickup truck.
    - e. Issues in other (local) areas were identified.
    - f. The department is doing outreach to citizens on post-disaster reliability and are looking at new technology such as the use of drones in managing rescues.
      - (1) They are looking to add thermal imaging when drones are used.
      - (2) Buy-in is needed from residents since many think that drones invade their privacy.
    - g. The dive team has been suspended because of the county's (lack of) funding although the county has expressed an interest in working with Lewisville in "underwater drones" because of the department's experience.
    - h. Personnel was discussed and the committee was advised that the department doesn't have a problem with personnel.
      - (1) Committee members were advised how shifts were staffed; the staffing grant that was received and how new personnel are recruited.

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- (2) Fire tax pays for personnel.
- i. There is a nationwide problem with recruiting volunteers.
  - (1) There is a program in the Walkertown high school that the department would like to bring to Reagan.
- B. Review stats from Sheriff's Office
  - 1. Chair Cobert was asked to advise the committee that there are no significant trends.
  - 2. The traffic deputy will be split into two (2) 2 ½ hour shifts to concentrate on peak times in selected neighborhoods.
  - 3. The other deputies will also continue to track traffic, rotating locations.

**VI. Unfinished Business**

- A. None

**VII. Old Business**

- A. Resolution re: Vienna Village request for 35 mph
  - 1. The committee discussed the request from council to review the request from Vienna Village to change the speed in front of Vienna Village to 35 mph.
    - a. Since this is a road maintained by the North Carolina Department of Transportation, the original request was sent to the Department. Their response to Vienna Village's request was that the best course of action was enforcement.
      - (1) The State Highway Patrol has been doing enforcement in that area.
    - b. Committee members discussed the request.
      - (1) Members would like to have an analysis of accidents in the area that would warrant a change from 45 mph to 35 mph, noting that drivers will drive at their speed regardless of the posted speed limit.
      - (2) There was a comment that this request seems to be a matter of convenience for Vienna Village.
      - (3) Another suggestion during discussion was to change all DOT roads in the town to either 35 mph or 25 mph for uniformity.
      - (4) After additional discussion, Charles Duryea moved to ask for uniformity on all DOT roads in the town and to make them "not to exceed 35 or 25 mph". The motion was seconded by Chris Cobert with a vote of 3-1 with Dale Harriman voting against.
- B. Emergency Operations Plan review
  - 1. The committee members were advised that the county is updating their Emergency Operations Manual and it may require a change in the town's document.
    - a. Our document may have to be re-ordered to match the county's.
    - b. Items that need to be updated in the town's document were noted through page eight.
    - c. Chair Cobert will update all notations and will submit to staff when all updates are complete.
  - 2. During the review, there was a comment that thought should be given to providing space at the new community center for emergencies.
  - 3. The next review is to go through page 17.

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4. Chris Cobert moved to only have discussion on emergency operations on the agenda for the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Charles Duryea and approved unanimously.

**VIII. New Business**

- A. Creating a Sergeant's position in the town's community policing group
  1. Chris Cobert moved to support the town's suggestion to upgrade the senior policing officer from corporal to sergeant. The motion was seconded by Charles Duryea and approved unanimously.
  2. Chris Cobert moved to suggest that the first promotion to sergeant should go to the town's current corporal. The motion was seconded by Charles Duryea and approved unanimously.

**IX. For the Good of the Order:**

- A. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be **April 2, 2019.**
- B. Future topics
  1. CERT
    - a. Chair Cobert announced that there is an upcoming CERT class May 3 through May 5, 2019 if anyone is interested in attending.
- C. Adjournment
  1. Having no other business to discuss, there was a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded and approved unanimously.

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Harlan Cobert, Chair

ATTEST:

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Joyce C. McWilliams Walker, Town Clerk