



**Town of Port Deposit  
Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes  
April 5, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PRESENT** – In person: Chairman Brown, Mayor Kuhs, Town Administrator Rinkerman, and Chief of Police Smith.  
Via Zoom: Counsel McCarron.

**ABSENT** – Councilman Knight

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – The minutes from the March 1, 2022 Public Safety Meeting were presented.

Motion made by Mayor Kuhs to approve the March 1, 2022 minutes. Seconded by Chairman Brown. All in favor.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**GENERAL ORDER 02-2022** – Counsel McCarron presented the new amendments to General Order 02-2022 Amendment to Police Department Manual Chapter 2.6 Use of Force. The Resolution is necessary in order to be in compliance with the new Maryland Use of Force Statute effective July 1, 2021. He explained that the amendments reflect minor language changes or additions to adhere to the Maryland Use of Force Statute. Those Amendments included Section 2.6.9, Section 2.6.11, and Section 2.6.14. General Order 02-2022 will be presented to the Town Council for approval at their April 19, 2022 meeting.

**CAMERA PROJECT – PHASE 4** – will discuss at the May Public Safety Meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Chief Smith requested to attend an online training on Friday, April 8, 2022. The Public Safety Committee approved the training.

Chief Smith stated that her computer and air card are installed but it is not working and it keeps disconnecting. She spoke with the Cecil County Sherriff's Office who informed her that they use a service called FirstNet. She inquired if the town could get out of their contract with Verizon and stated she was not aware of the FirstNet service before staff set up her Verizon account.

Treasurer Sookiasian suggested that prior to perusing FirstNet's services, Chief Smith ask Administrative Assistant Heath to help her to ensure it is not user error as Heath helped Chief Smith when she previously stated she was having issues with the computer not working.

Chief Smith stated that she keeps receiving an "end point security" error when trying to sign in to one of her programs and that the Cecil County Sheriff's Office IT support was unable to help her.

**UPDATE FROM CHIEF SMITH** – Chief Smith will provide Chief's Report at the Town Council Meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m. The meeting was recorded and audio is available upon request.

Approved:

  
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Kevin Brown, Chairman