



**Town of Port Deposit
Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2021**

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

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

ABSENT – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The committee reviewed the minutes from the October 6, 2020 Public Safety Committee Meeting.

Motion was made by Councilman Knight to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Kuhs. All in favor. Motion carried.

CECIL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Counsel McCarron provided details regarding the Draft MOU with the Cecil County Sheriff's Office for processing, custody, and transport of arrestees. The Cecil County Sheriff's office has made clear through conversation with Chief Smith and Town Administrator Rinkerman that they would allow use of their facility for holding and booking arrestees but all liability would be the town's responsibility. This presented some concerns and questions that Counsel McCarron discussed with the board in order to ensure the town and Chief Smith are protected. Chief Smith provided clarification for some of the questions presented. Chief Smith has made amendments to the Draft MOU, which will be sent to Counsel McCarron to include. Once the amendments have been made the committee will review the MOU and present it to the Cecil County Sheriff's Office for their review and comments.

DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT- The committee revisited the discussion from the previous meeting regarding the sale of the firearms left over from the former Police Department. It was recommended to sell the firearms through a licensed dealer or auction. Chief of Police Smith informed the committee of the property in possession and potential solutions. The committee directed Chief Smith to have the firearms appraised.

EXPANSION OF TOWN CAMERA SYSTEM

Councilman Knight discussed the addition of cameras within town and presented the proposals provided by the current security camera company in place. The proposals provided detail regarding line of sight and pricing. Councilman Knight explained that the town is limited on location due to the availability of power. For one particular desired location that does not have power, Councilman Knight recommended a solar powered home security camera. Additionally, he asked the committee to consider a camera by public parking lot # 2 even though it was not included in the proposal provided. The committee agreed that the location would be ideal for a camera.

CHIEF'S REPORT - Chief of Police Smith will provide the Chief's Report at the proceeding Town Council Meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m. The meeting was recorded and audio is available upon request.

Approved:

Kevin Brown, Chairman