

**BOROUGH OF CARROLL VALLEY
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, February 25, 2019 – 7 PM
BOROUGH OFFICE**

MINUTES

Chairman Ron Harris called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Those in attendance were as follows:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Present:

Ron Harris, Chairman

Brian Wheeler

Anthony Golden

Absent:

Dan Patton

John Svalina

BOROUGH OFFICIALS:

Present:

Gayle R. Marthers, Borough Secretary

Clifford Weikert, Police Corporal

Andrew Aldrich, EMS Coordinator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2016 MEETING

The Minutes of the aforementioned meeting were distributed for approval.

***A. Golden moved, seconded by B. Wheeler to approve the Minutes as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No one addressed the Members at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Drug Take-Back Program. The event will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 10AM until 2PM. The Prescription Drug Take-Back Box Program was discussed; Mayor Harris will follow-up.

2019 National Night Out. Scheduled for Tuesday, August 7, 2019 from 5PM until 8PM; if you can volunteer, please contact Jo Ann Myers, Police Secretary.

Opioid Discussion. Mayor Harris shared that there are three recent initiatives to help with the crisis caused by heroin and similar prescription pain killers:

1. Increased referrals and availability of Pain Management Programs that offer alternatives to opioid medication for pain relief
2. Prescription Drug Monitoring Program which helps to prevent or reduce the practice of “Doctor Shopping” by a patient who has grown addicted to pain medication but whose regular doctor will no longer prescribe the medication, or the patient is taking more than prescribed by one doctor so will seek another doctor to prescribe a second medication.

Coupled with this program is the new PA law that requires Electronic Prescriptions for certain classifications of drug. This is designed to reduce the incidents of forged prescriptions due to the theft of a doctor's prescription pad.

3. Overdose patients are required to have a "Warm Hand-Off" following emergency treatment to mental health/addiction crisis intervention workers. This program is designed to provide a safe, substance-free environment for the patient to begin their recovery from dependency on opioids.

Additional discussion ensued regarding what, if any, steps the Borough and/or Members of this committee should take to educate the public. The discussion included:

- Questioned whether Carroll Valley had a problem?
- Noted that there was one (1) death so far in 2019.
- Noted that there have been numerous overdoses.
- Possible Workshop Topics:
 - Take-Back Box Program
 - Kids & Use
 - Medical Marijuana

Members were asked to consider the issue and bring ideas to the June 17, 2019 meeting.

Survivors, Inc. Mayor Harris presented information that he received from Survivors, Inc.; the County Domestic Violence Shelter. Donations and volunteer opportunities were discussed.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Bruce Carr, 92 Eagles Trail asked if the members would support a monthly meeting of the chairpersons of each committee to engage in information sharing. Member agreed that the idea was a good one; Mayor Harris pledged his support and agreed to attend as chair of the Public Safety Committee if such a group were to meet.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held on June 17, 2019.

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 8:10PM

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle R. Marthers, Borough Secretary