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Attachments: MPA documents - Final.pdf

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Importance: High

Please see new meeting link. It appears the previous one expired.

Glenn Michalowski is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Public Safety Meeting
Time: Nov 11, 2020 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Every month on the Second Wed, 12 occurrence(s)

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.
Monthly: https://twp-maplewood-nj-us.zoom.us/meeting/tJMod-Chrj0pH9C9PQ6YSpXNK3YISd1KtoLP/ics?icsToken=98tyKuCvqzsjE9STsxyDRowEGYigXfPziCFegvp-xS_UVRlgcjvYHbF7PoF7QfPE

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Yes, Fair point

Chief, now that the Thanksgiving holiday/phase one of the budget is behind us, I am going to schedule a meeting for us this week to reconvene

Thanks,
Mayor Frank

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Michael C. Weber

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To: Jimmy DeVaul; Albert Sally; Joseph Alvarez; Chris Ariemma; Richard Salkowski; Victor DeLuca; Frank McGehee; Jerry Giaimis
Cc: Dean Dafis; Nancy Adams; Bailey Barnett; Kevin Herbert
Subject: Maplewood Public Safety Committee - December 8, 2021 meeting agenda

All,

Below is the proposed agenda for tonight's Public Safety Committee meeting. This will be a virtual-only meeting conducted over Zoom.

Please let me know if you have any other items for the agenda. Thanks.

Wednesday December 8, 2021

7:30 pm

Fire Department

1. October Monthly report
2. Overtime report
3. Radio/scanner issues
4. Consolidation update (FM/VD)
5. Public Comment

Police Department

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 3. UCR and crime trend updates
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Closed Session: 1) FMBA Grievance appeal

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Maplewood Community Board on Police Meeting

Wednesday, January 5, 2021

Public meeting: 7:30 p.m.

Agenda

1. Roll Call (7:30-7:35)

2. Approval of Minutes (December) (7:30-7:35)

3. Key Topic Areas (7:35-8:25)

a. 2022 Areas of Focus

- i. Civilian Complaint Function (Erin, Ayo, Blue)
(7:35-7:45)**
- ii. Community Outreach: Non-Emergency 9-11 Calls PR
Campaign & Traffic (Kasia, Piper, Stephanie, Janelle)
(7:45-7:50)**
- iii. Training (Roberto, Erin, Stephanie) (8:00-8:10)**
- iv. Social Work (Blue, Piper, Ayo) (8:10-8:20)**

b. Public Safety Meeting Updates/Discussion (Ayo - December) (8:20-8:25)

c. Police Scanner Access (Erin & Kasia)

4. New Business

- a. Chair and Vice-Chair Elections (Erin, Kasia) (8:25-8:35)**
- b. Annual Review (Kasia) (8:35-8:45)**
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Bailey Barnett

Assistant Township Administrator

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That said, I spoke with Chief Alvarez, an expert in these issues, and he advises that it's an easy lift to get the PD on to these apps. I have no problem with this, as a traditional scanner can be expensive. The cost of the equipment needed to do this is minimal, and we may already have it

I hope this provides some clarification on the issue.

- Jerry

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Subject: Re: Concern from Resident - Police Scanner

Through a 3rd party app.

On Tue, Dec 7, 2021 at 11:12 AM Jerry Giaimis <JGiaimis@twp.maplewood.nj.us> wrote:

Will do. For clarification, are people referring to listening to the feed on actual police scanners or through one of the third-party websites like Broadcastify?

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JERRY - please address and report back. Thanks in advance. I don't understand how one can be out and the other online as I thought they were linked.

Appreciate your insight.

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To: Dean Dafis; Greg Lembrich; Kasia Piekarz

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A resident has reached out again regarding the scanner that Kasia and I raised last week when it was brought to our attention. There is a suggestion from a resident that the scanner is being intentionally turned off as the fire scanner is still up. I don't understand the technology here, but I do feel the Board needs to raise this concern from a resident as transparency is key for better community-police relations.

I recognize that you are both volunteers too, so if I can help in any way (even with my limited tech knowledge), I am happy to do so.

I know you addressed this before (thank you, thank you) so hopefully this is an easy fix too.

Best,

Albert Sally

From: Frank McGehee
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Cc: Jimmy DeVaul
Subject: Re: Porter Rd

Thank you!
Mayor Frank

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We used to get confidential reports about incidents like this, I'd like those to return. Before this email, I had no idea about this.

So what happened?

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Best,
Erin

Albert Sally

From: Greg Lembrich
Sent: Friday, December 31, 2021 10:39 AM
To: Dean Dafis
Cc: Jerry Giaimis; Bailey Barnett; kasia.piekarz.maplewood@gmail.com; Frank McGehee; Victor DeLuca; Nancy Adams; Jamaine Cripe; Jimmy DeVaul; Albert Sally; jamaine9@me.com; Joseph Alvarez
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Dean,
I'm not precisely sure what equipment is required or the cost, nor the status of procuring or installing it. I do know that MFD did not have the requisite equipment as of the last Public Safety Committee report. If the Department has since obtained it, or at least been authorized to do so, then that is progress. Copying in Chief Alvarez, who may be able to provide an update; and apologies if my understanding did not reflect the latest status.

Greg

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On Dec 31, 2021, at 10:26 AM, Dean Dafis <ddafis@twp.maplewood.nj.us> wrote:

Greg - thanks for replying.

Just to clarify, earlier in the thread Chief Alvarez stated that it's 'an easy fix' and Jerry replied that he authorized the Chief to make the adjustment or the 'fix'. Is it our understanding now that regardless of whether it's an easy fix or not, we don't have the software or other equipment to do so? If so, do we know what that equipment is and/or how much it costs?

Ironically, something keeps getting lost in communication on this topic which further fuels public speculation.

Thanks.

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Erin,

Maplewood Police radio communications are not encrypted; they can be heard by anyone who has a scanner. The issue this resident has raised is that the MPD radio feed used to be made available to Broadcastify and/or another web-based service that provides a website or scanner app that make local police, fire, EMS, etc. radio transmissions available online. The feed was made available via the Maplewood Fire Department at a time when the MPD and MFD used the same radio frequency. The MFD specifically makes its feed available publicly via online sources for safety reasons because it sometimes provides mutual aid to or receives mutual aid from jurisdictions where the fire departments or other local emergency services broadcast their communications on different frequencies. Since the MFD upgraded to new radios, they no longer use the same frequency as the MPD, so the MPD transmissions are now not included in the feed transmitted by MFD. Access was not "turned off" by MPD (nor was it ever "turned on") and remains available to the public via a scanner. To the extent that any third-party ever provided the MPD feed to online scanner services in the interim, which is certainly possible (the airwaves are public), I have no information about that.

While we have been advised that MFD could resume making the MPD radio communications available via the online scanner services/websites/apps, it would require the purchase and installation of additional equipment by the Township. It is not simply a matter of pushing a button or flipping a switch. The Township Committee will need to make a policy and budget decision regarding whether it wishes to move forward with such a plan. I note, however, my understanding that the town has no legal obligation to provide its radio communications to online scanner services, websites, or apps. As I mentioned, the communications are not encrypted or blocked in any way, but broadcast over public airwaves. The Fire Chief has stated that MFD can provide the MPD feed to online services if provided the proper equipment by the Township, and the Police Chief has stated no objection to doing so. The TC can decide how to proceed on this matter in 2022.

Greg

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A resident reached out as there was an incident overnight in her neighborhood. Since the police scanner was still down, she and her neighbors were without information on something impacting their neighborhood. It is unsettling to have something happen in your neighborhood and you don't know what is actually happening, not to mention the importance of transparency. I am concerned the scanner hasn't been fixed yet. What is the latest with the repair and the eta on completion?

Residents have been raising this for years, and so fixing this scanner needs to happen.

Best,
Erin

On Wed, Dec 15, 2021 at 12:10 PM Jerry Giaimis <JGiaimis@twp.maplewood.nj.us> wrote:

I did authorize him to proceed. I will follow up

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I believe there was a discussion where Chief Alvarez said he would be taking this on--can someone please confirm?

Best,

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Erin

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