

**Chevy Chase Village Public Safety Committee**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**May 22, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.**

The Public Safety Committee (PSC) met on Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Village Hall. Committee members in attendance included Committee Chair Saul Goodman, Mr. Peter Kilborn, Mr. Irwin Pernick and Ms. Betty O'Connor. Also in attendance was Chief John Fitzgerald. A copy of the agenda for the meeting is attached. The following items were covered after Mr. Goodman called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 p.m.:

1. Approval of minutes from the 9/6/18 meeting: Unanimously approved (motion: Kilborn; second: Pernick)
2. FY20 (beginning July 1, 2019) budget:
  - Chief Fitzgerald explained that the proposed budget is a 'same services' budget with no additional personnel or equipment. It included a modest increase in operating expenses for increased costs in salaries and health insurance. Members were provided with a printout of both the operating and capital improvement budget detail sheets.
  - The Board approved the scheduled replacement of 2 marked police cars, and these will be hybrid-powered (gasoline/electric) Ford SUVs. Although the initial cost to purchase the cars is higher (\$3,200) than the non-hybrid model, the net savings in fuel costs will more than make up the difference. The technology will also significantly reduce CO2 emissions over the life of the vehicle.
  - Chief Fitzgerald informed the committee that the Board had decided not to proceed with the purchase of body cameras at this time due to privacy concerns related to the Maryland public records law.
3. Chief Fitzgerald provided current and past crime statistics, explained the difference between theft, burglary and robbery, and updated the group on the excellent level of inter-agency cooperation.
4. Committee Chair Mr. Goodman asked Chief Fitzgerald for an update on several points raised by Mr. Ollie Davidson at the September, 2018 meeting:
  - Clearing snow from sidewalks (*PD has a proactive process in place*)
  - Leaf blower noise (*DC may soon ban gas-powered leaf blowers in favor of electric or battery-powered; Board is considering doing the same; Energy & Environment Cmte is aware*)
  - Package thefts (*PD has a program in place, and continues to remind residents of options via Crier*)
  - Items acceptable for recycling (*not a PSC issue; work through Energy & Environment Committee*)
  - Promotion of composting services (*Village does this; has brought in Compost Crew and periodically reminds residents; another issue that is better dealt with through E&E Committee*)
  - 'lock your car' flyer distribution (*PD will consider placing a flyer in the Crier in September*)
5. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:55 p.m. by unanimous vote (motion: Kilborn; second: Pernick).