

**MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING
BOONE TOWN COUNCIL
October 6, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Boone Town Council was called to order electronically at 6:07 p.m. on Wednesday, October 6, 2021. Mayor Rennie Brantz presided. Town Council members present included Mayor Pro-Tem Connie Ulmer, Sam Furgiuele, Virginia Roseman, Nancy LaPlaca and Dalton George. Staff present included Town Manager John Ward, Town Clerk Nicole Harmon, Police Chief Andy Le Beau, Major Shane Robbins, Captain Daniel Duckworth, Captain Bobby Creed, Lieutenant Jon Houck, Lieutenant Lance Wills, and Sargent Candace Burlingame. Town Attorney Allison Meade was also in attendance. The purpose of the meeting was to hold the annual police forum.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one was signed up to give public comment.

PRESENTATION BY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Department staff gave a presentation which outlined operations throughout the department. The presentation also included answers to questions previously submitted by Council members. A complete copy of the presentation may be viewed online at <http://boonenc.igm2.com/Citizens/Default.aspx>.

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

Mr. Furgiuele thanked staff for their work on the presentation, and apologized for the lack of participation from the public. He stated that he learned a great deal from the forum each year, and hoped that the forum would continue in the future. Mr. Furgiuele noted that when the Town completed its survey regarding the anti-discrimination ordinance, there was a large number of comments from people of Islamic faith and of the Muslim community who felt that they were discriminated against. He asked whether the department had made attempts to reach out to members of the Muslim community, and if not, would the department consider doing so? Mr. Furgiuele also felt that it was important for the Town Attorney to meet with the police force to teach and review with them local ordinances since rules and regulations changed often. He also noted that he has heard many complaints from citizens about loud mufflers, and hoped that in the future, as staffing issues and Covid-19 numbers improved, that the department would look into increased enforcement of loud mufflers. Chief Le Beau indicated that he too had received complaints about loud mufflers, and that as the department was able to hire additional staff, they would be able to become more proactive regarding the issue. Chief Le Beau stated that staff would be happy to work with the Town Attorney on additional training and updates regarding local ordinances. Regarding the questions related to the Muslim community, Chief Le Beau indicated that there were no mosques located within the town, but that he would be happy to meet with Muslim community members at any time. Mayor Pro-Tem Ulmer thanked police staff for their service. She said that she disagreed about the need for outreach into specific groups and that we needed to be viewed as one. Ms. LaPlaca thanked Chief Le Beau and staff for the presentation and for their work. She felt that the fact that no one signed up to speak during public comment was a good sign that the department did not have problems.

ADJOURNMENT

After brief discussion regarding the structuring of the department, and the use of narcotics in the area, Ms. LaPlaca made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Mayor Pro-Tem Ulmer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Nicole Harmon, Town Clerk

Rennie Brantz, Mayor