

**Ordinance Meeting – December 20, 2017 @ 4:00 p.m.**

Members in attendance: Cheryl Lounsbury – Chairman, Anthony D’Angelo – Co – Chairman, Susan Locks – P & Z, Zaya Oshana, Bd. of Ed., Chris Palmieri – Town Council, Deputy Chief Wm. Palmieri – P.D. Patricia Queen – Bd. of Ed.

Absent: Jennifer Clock, P & Z

Chairman Lounsbury Opened the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

By unanimous vote Victoria Triano – Town Council was added to the Ordinance Committee.

Cheryl Lounsbury asked for a volunteer for secretary and Susan Locks volunteered.

Cheryl explained that this committee is for excessive calls to the Police Dept.. This could be for alarm systems for home or business and municipal response to excessive calls to one location.

Deputy Chief William Palmieri explained that these should be separate ordinances. Liability to the Town for excessive calls. There is not a call that the police department would not go out to investigate. We are looking on how to prevent these calls from the Group Home. We are tying up money and police service. Every response ties up 3 cars for one call.

Anthony D’Angelo asked what type of children are at these group homes. Most came from abused family situations or are children that are emotionally/mentally challenged.

Vicky Triano asked to Define: Excessive calls? And is it per the discretion of the police officer?

Patricia Queen asked if there was data to share about these calls. Numbers etc.

Chris Palmieri said we should review the process and reset the clock.

It was explained by Deputy Chief William Palmieri that the Dept. Chief met with residence, Town Officials, Group Home Management and State Representatives about Policy discussions.

Zaya Oshana asked a few questions:

1. Who pays for the calls?
2. Will this get to the state level?
3. Are purse strings in control?

Patricia Queen stated that calls are a disruption to the community and the neighborhood involved.

Cheryl stated putting pressure on the State – Good for everyone involved.

Zaya asked who’s responsible.

Vicky stated "If we place an ordinance in effect will this become a financial issue and they won't make calls to the PD because it will cost them money".

Cheryl stated if a group home does not call are we putting the children in Harm's Way.

Atty. Futtner added that an Ordinance may not be enforceable because of the liability to Town and it residence because this is at the State/Federal level.

Bob Sargent a residence stated that the kids in the group home on Birchcrest Drive were not from our town. These kids are put there from the State. He was concern with the number of kids in the house. There is supposed to be 6 and there are 2 kids sometimes. He concerned about vehicles being stolen and vandalized. If you make an ordinance make it have some teeth this will help control things better.

Cheryl Loundsbury commented that we are trying to find the best way to address this problem and we understand your situation.

Robert Daly – 88 Birchcrest Drive said It is so bad it's ruining our lives. Schools buses honking horns, trucks running early in the morning, staff bring garbage to the house and the worse is that our house values are decreasing and we will not be able to sell our houses because of this situation.

Jeff Perry stated that this is a disservice to our residence I am tired of hearing about it.

Atty. Futtner is going to do more research of liability to the town and State and Federal laws.

Chris Palmieri asked Officer Palmieri to get us some information for a calendar year of all the calls from the Group Home.

Officer Palmieri offered to meet with the new members of this committee. He has a power point presentation for us to look at.

Motion to close the meeting at 5:00 p.m.