

Ordinance Meeting – July 18, 2018 @ 4:40 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. Victoria Triano – Town Council, Atty. Carolyn Futtner

Cheryl Lounsbury opened the meeting by 4:40 p.m.

Minutes were approved with 1 abstention by Susan Locks.

Patricia Queen: “Based on a potential conflict because I have a family member who lives near a residence that may be affected by this ordinance we are about to discuss, I am choosing to recuse myself from the discussion and the vote on the Excessive Emergency Service Responses Ordinance”

Deputy Chief William Palmieri: Went over the Excessive Service Response call numbers.

Cheryl Lounsbury: If businesses did not want to pay the fine would there be potential danger or harm?

Deputy William Palmieri: Not to call would be a liability from victim if it was a true emergency.

Cheryl Lounsbury: We don’t want anyone going after the deep pockets of the town. A potential liability to the Town.

Chris Palmieri: Savings in manpower of the Police Dept. is important. Police presents night after night is costly.

Deputy Chief William Palmieri: Conservative aspect it costs \$80.00 to \$100.00 per officer to respond and more for a higher officer. Total is up for 82 calls in a year.

Chris Palmieri: It’s the responsibility of the business to control excessive calls.

Vicky Triano: If you open a business and get to many excessive calls a business has to adjust their business plan. We want to help but they have to be responsible.

Zaya Oshana: We have to respond to all calls – It’s a safety issue.

Tony D’Angelo: 25 calls per mo. before a fine?

Deputy Chief William Palmieri: Calls year to date over 25 but could have 40 + could have exemptions. All calls would have to be verified by the Police Department. It would take 20 to get onto our radar. We would also help to provide a solution.

Zaya Oshana: It could be a nuisance if two neighbors do not like one another and make fake calls.

Deputy Chief William Palmieri: We would always respond to a call whether we thought it was fake or not.

Tony D’Angelo: Is it New Britain that has an Excessive call ordinance?

Deputy Chief William Palmieri: New Britain has a 6 - call limit. But doesn’t really enforce it.

Chris Palmieri: As long as all calls are verified by the Police Dept.

Vicky Triano: We are not going to single anyone out.

James Morelli: I think it's a public safety issue to not have a procedure in place. This is going to affect a lot of citizens and we have a responsibility to all our citizens.

Deputy William Palmieri: Ordinance Language 3.2A – Keep as is.

Cheryl Lounsbury: This hopefully won't be an administrative burden.

Vicky Triano: Made a motion to bring to the Ordinance to the Town Council meeting on August 27, 2018 and Zaya Oshana seconded the motion.

Chris Palmieri: This might have to wait till the first meeting in September.

Motion to Adjourn by Tony D'Angelo and seconded by Chris Palmieri @ 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Locks