

EAST MOUNTAIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Minutes for April 23, 2025

Attendees: 32

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by President Bob McGovern. He then led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence and prayer.

The secretary's report is online. The treasurer's report was given.

Community police officer Anthony Battista spoke:

- There are 257 investigations in our area
- There were 57 motor vehicles, and 100 motor vehicle stops in our area
- As the weather gets better, motorcycles and ATVs are out – they will push the limits so please be aware of this and be careful

Mike DiGiovancarlo was not present but sent the following info:

- The slide at the park has been fixed
- The speed bumps are installed at the park
- The irrigation system will be turned on in May

Sargeant Aaron Slater and his K9 dog Nico were here. Slater explained the process with which the K9s are trained. They have very little human contact for the first year of their life – just trained to bite. It takes 4 months to fully train a K9 dog (trained by the State Police). The bond between the handler and the dog is like no other. The dog is with the handler 24/7. K9s are trained for tracking, building searches, narcotics, and evidence recovery (guns, knives, etc). Their sense of smell is 100 times stronger than humans. K9s do not get along with other pets. There are three K9s in our city – one on each shift. When they retire, the handler can purchase the K9 from the city for \$1.00.

Mike Stere gave a report on the Waterbury Neighborhood Council:

- President Art Denze met with the new Waterbury/Republican newspaper about some things that have changed – font too small, no police blotter, etc.
- There will be a blood drive on June 5th at the Greek Orthodox Church
- There will be a meeting at City Hall on Wednesday, April 30th at 6:00 PM to discuss the facts about the Blake Street fire

Volunteers are needed to help install the 160 flags in our area. Please let us know if you are available. Tentative dates are May 3rd, 10th, and 17th.

The next meeting will be June 25th. Nominations will be taken for President.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM