The Winslow Township Board of Education met on Oct. 23 at the Administration Building. The committee heard from residents about issues in the community and provided announcements to the community.

Winnsboro Chief Police Officer E. S. Glaude also spoke to the board about the signs that are posted in the grassy areas in Sicklerville. The signs are from individuals who are running for political positions.

I’m coming up here in regards to Ordinance 2020-005. Chapter 294 entitled Signs section 129(2). I know this is the campaign season and everybody who is running wants to win, I’m one of those people who are running for a position. But in the Sicklerville area, I’ve taken a ride all around our whole township, but in our quadrant where I reside, I noticed there were too many signs posted on signs on corners and when the wind blows, people aren’t being responsible to go pick their signs off the ground,” Glaude said.

Glaude mentioned that while she does signs throughout the Township, they are not clustered to one area.

Though there is no set implantation timeline, Poteat is excited working with the Mental Health Association of Atlantic County to standardize the training modules used across the state.

A third-generation law enforcement leader following in his father and grandfather’s footsteps, Dobleman sits on many boards, including Tri-State Canine Response Team with whom he deploys nationwide. He is also an enthusiastic Indianapolis Colts fan the time to coach his son’s high school hockey team.

Dobleman resides in Winslow Township, Camden County, with his wife, Tracy and has two sons.

The Mental Health Association in New Jersey (MHANJ) is pleased to announce that Edward C. Dobleman has been chosen as an Honoree for its 23rd Annual Evening of Excellence to be held on Oct. 11 at the Holiday Inn in Egg Harbor City. Dobleman is a 20-year veteran of the Memphis, Tennessee Police Department who was named the first Director of the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) in New Jersey.

Through his work with CIT-NJ, Edward Dobleman is building bridges between behavioral health professionals and the law enforcement community. We applaud and support his efforts to create a more humane and effective response to people experiencing mental health crises. His effort and tenacity have reverberated throughout every county in New Jersey about the benefits,” Dobleman said.

Today under Dobleman’s leadership, all 21 counties in New Jersey have a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) program. This includes 22 CIT teams and a local steering committee which includes a law enforcement and a mental health coordinator. The CIT program is designed to respond to incidents. CIT training is a 40-hour course with over 20 modules in which participants are trained in CIT principles, including: Mental health disorders and their signs and symptoms, Crisis intervention techniques, De-escalation strategies, Communication skills and Cultural competency.

Dobleman feels this energy and group dynamics of a team of professionals is a win for everyone.

“The Memphis CIT Model is a valuable tool for police departments and communities alike. It helps to ensure that people experiencing a mental health crisis are treated with respect and dignity,” Dobleman said.

Edward Dobleman has also been instrumental in developing new CIT blocks that are targeted to a specific demographic. For example, the Veteran Response Team or VRT model is used at Winslow Township School District.

One action that was implemented throughout the school district was parent visitation days to all schools in the district. At the time of the meeting, only School 4 had parent visitation, which was held on Oct. 10. There wasn’t a lot of feedback provided to the Board of Education that night but a lot of positive feedback was received the following week that the building stayed busy but parents overall enjoyed the experience.

The meeting adjourned. The next Board of Education meeting took place on Oct. 25. See next week’s edition for more information from that meeting.

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