

VILLAGE OF PORT EDWARDS  
Port Edwards, Wisconsin

COMMITTEE: Public Safety

DATE: January 5, 2021

TO: JOSEPH ZURFLUH

cc: BETSY MANCL  
DANA DUNCAN  
JOHN BINGHAM  
DIANE TREMMEL  
PATRICK ARENDT

ERIK SAYLOR  
SUE MITCHELL  
TIARA GRUNDEN  
SCOTT DREW

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DAILY TRIBUNE  
WFHR/WGLX  
NICK ABTS

Purpose of Meeting: **Regular Monthly Meeting**

Attendance: T. Grunden, B. Mancl, J. Bingham, J. Zurfluh, R. Bossert, S. Drew, P. Arndt

Citizens: None

**Subjects Discussed, Action Taken, and Board Action Required:**

1. **Call to order:** Meeting called to order by T Grunden.
2. **Roll Call:** All Present.
3. **Approve the agenda:** **MOTION** (Bingham/Mancl) to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
4. **Public comments on agenda items:** None
5. **Approve the previous months minutes and Agenda:** **MOTION** (Grunden/Mancl) to approve previous months minutes. Motion carried.
6. **Committee Chairman's comments:**
7. **Discuss/action Fire Department Actions:**

Chief Arendt gave an update on the recent house fires that have happened in the Village, along with an update on the donations received for the families impacted. The Fire Department also hosted a food drive and was able to donate 695 pounds of food to the local food bank. Goals that Chief Arendt and the Fire Department will be working on in 2021 include:

  - ❖ Increase public service and community work with the public
  - ❖ Start building younger Firefighters into leadership positions.
  - ❖ Better accountability and proficiency on scenes.

Some of the things that Chief Arendt is proud of doing in 2020 includes breaking down barriers within the department and the ability to work well with surrounding community's departments.
8. **Discuss/action Police Department Actions:**

Chief Drew gave updates on recent calls in the Village along with an update with how the work student with the MSTC student is going. Goals that Chief Drew and the Police Department will be working on in 2021 include:

  - ❖ Getting the Officers specialized training, for example, an office to be an "Evidence Technician".
  - ❖ Look at recruiting quality part time officers.
  - ❖ To continue work on Lexipol to update policies. So far as integrated 71 policies.

Chief Drew is happy & proud to report that the Police Department used only \$68.55% of their budget in 2020.

- 9. *Police/Fire awards and Badges Initiative:*** Village Administrator Bossert gave a presentation on developing and implementing an Awards and Badges system in the Village for our Police & Fire Departments. He showed an example of different badges to be able to be given out in recognition to accomplishments attained. Area of awards include: Years of service, completion of specialized training course, community service etc.
- 10. *Police & Fire Commission Update:*** PFC will hold their next meeting February 1, 2021. They will be discussing the hire of three new firefighters and one part time police officer.
- 11. *Correspondence received:*** Tiara Grunden has had a few phone calls from community members expressing their appreciation for the Fire and Police Departments after the events that have taken place in the Village as of late.
- 12. *Future Agenda Items:*** Discussion of FEMA Grant for the Fire Department, bullying ordinance.
- 13. *Next meeting date:*** February 2, 2021 at 5:00pm.
- 14. *Adjourn:*** **MOTION** (Grunden/Bingham) to adjourned at 5:53pm. Motion carried.

Tiara Grunden – Chairman  
Minutes taken by Betsy Mancl