

VILLAGE OF PORT EDWARDS
Port Edwards, Wisconsin

COMMITTEE: Public Safety

DATE: 2 February 2021

TO: JOSEPH ZURFLUH

cc: BETSY MANCL
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Purpose of Meeting: **Regular Monthly Meeting**

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

Subjects Discussed, Action Taken, and Board Action Required:

1. ***Call to order:*** Meeting called to order by T Grunden at 5:00 p.m., Via ZOOM
2. ***Roll Call:*** All Present.
3. ***Approve the agenda:*** **MOTION**, approved all Ayes
4. ***Approve the previous months minutes and Agenda:*** **MOTION** (Bingham/Mancl) to approve minutes of the 5 January 2021 meeting and the agenda. Motion carried.
5. ***Public comments on agenda items:*** None
6. ***Committee Chairman's comments:*** None
7. ***Discuss/action Fire Department Actions and Budget:***
Reviewed monthly report and budget comparison for the Fire Department. Reviewed Fire response areas and incidents. Discussed the retirement of Doug Kenowski, well attended and received. Reviewed 2 letters of appreciation from citizens.
8. ***Discuss/action Police Department Actions and Budget:***
Reviewed monthly report and budget comparison for the Police Department. Continued work on Lexipol and the MCT student's engagement goes well. Also, the Police department is executing their budget on TRACK.
9. ***Port Road Truck access enforcement discussion.*** Over the last year, all of the truckers stopped were not from the area. Upon questioning their GPSs told them to take this route. The Village has been issuing ordinance citations (4 last year), But this is not about revenue generation. The Sheriff's Department issues state citations issued to the trucking company. The fines are based off of the amount overweight. The vast majority of the proceeds from the citations goes to the state (approximately \$50 out of a \$6000.00 citation goes back to the county). If the Village takes them to the scales there are also additional fees to the department for using the scales. Each of the 5 deputies that are trained in weight enforcement undergoes 1 week of specialized training from the WI State Patrol.

In 2020 The Village has NOT received any “official complaints” of trucks being on Port or Seneca Road. Of course, we have heard about it after the fact, and have had several phone calls from Village employees, but not one resident called dispatch to report a violation that was currently happening.

The Police Department will continue to do extra random patrols, and will cite violators appropriately. We will augment two signs along HWY 73 north from Nekoosa(across from the Amoco) and as you enter the Village from the West near the cemetery along HWY 54.

10. Port Edwards Bullying ordinance discussion. The Village currently does not have a specific Bullying ordinance, recent actions in surrounding communities saw this as an issue. Below is the verbiage in the Bullying ordinance from Wisconsin rapids. As of DEC 2020, our School administrator does not see this as an issue, but the Administrator felt it prudent to discuss at the PS committee level for situational awareness. No action requested just for informational use. The Committee saw no need to act now, we will monitor in conjunction with the school and address in the future if required.

11. Police and Fire Commission Update. PFC held their meeting on February 1,2021. They reviewed and Voted on 4 candidates and selected 1 fire candidate (Aurora Abley) and one Police part time officer (Alesha Brundidge). The new hires will be notified as well as those not selected.

12. Correspondence received. Reviewed two letters of commendation for Chief Arendt by one citizen and one EMS manager from Seneca.

13. Future Agenda Items: None

14. Next meeting date: March 2, 2021 @ 5pm

15. Adjourn: Adjourned at 6:10 pm. (*Grunden/2nd Bingham*) *all Ayes*

Tiara Grunden – Chairman