

VILLAGE OF PORT EDWARDS

Port Edwards, Wisconsin

COMMITTEE: Public Safety Meeting

DATE: January 4, 2022

TO: JOSEPH ZURFLUH

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

Attendance: J. Zurfluh, E. Saylor, B. Mancl, T. Grunden(Zoom), R. Bossert, Police Chief Drew, Fire Chief Worden

Citizens: Kelley Nagorski, **Scott Stewart**

Subjects Discussed, Action Taken & Board Action Required:

Regular Monthly Meeting

- ***Call to order:*** Meeting called to order by Saylor - Chairman at 4:00 p.m.
- ***Roll Call:*** All present from above.
- ***Approve the previous month's minutes & agenda:*** **MOTION** (Saylor/Mancl) to approve minutes from 7 December 2021 & agenda. **Motion carried.**
- ***Public comments on agenda items:*** None.
- ***Committee Chairman's comments:*** None.
- ***Public Safety Updates***

Fire Department

- a. **Review monthly & budget comparison reports.** Budget was over due to items that needed to be replaced & also a math error. Communicated with Bossert about the issue. Main change will be monthly snapshots, instead of quarterly, of the budget for a more in-depth report. Updated phone number & voicemail, the phone number is back on the website. Calls were down from December. Ben will take engine 1 in for service.

Police Department

- a. **Review monthly & budget comparison reports.** Officer that was out is cleared to come back on the 17th. Swat team was at school on Dec 13 for a tour & training

with the K9. School superintendent & police chief did a safety assessment & discussed what's been & not been addressed. ATV "accident" case has been closed & charges have been made. Saylor recommends that the officer on the case, Josiah Mertes, be awarded a certificate due to his superb investigation. Enforcement was down from last month & the squad cars have no issues.

- **Old Business.** None.

- **End of Year (2021) summary & discussion on issues.**

Police: Doing the best they can with what they have. Budget is in check. Preparing the department for the future when the Chief leaves; wants to leave department in good shape. Interested in starting the law enforcement club back in the schools. Work further with ERCO, untapped possibilities to bolster the Village, Fire, & Police Departments. Planning for 2024 when we take back the development, will be working closely with Bossert.

Fire: Department is at satisfactory levels, but they have no records of anything. Goal is to start keeping records. Chief is looking for better fire reporting software. Wants to create some sort of junior, intern, auxiliary program for the younger students to participate in.

Other: Wants to present a 2021 police activity graph as a product for the Village to look at. Saylor wants to remove Wood County from the chart.

- **New Business.**

- a. Discuss actions/planning for future from the wind storm on 15 Dec 2021.** Zurfluh wants planning for the future & recommends tabletop exercises. Need fire, police, & Village together for coordination. Mancl will help out with training as she has had previous experience. Network for fire/police/village should be moved onto a generator. Bossert will figure out costs for cots, food, drinks, etc. for future emergencies to have at the shelter.

- i. Planning (staffing, pre-staged equipment, messaging)**

- 1.** Planning & efforts were flawless.

- ii. Response (fire, police, public works, village shelter)**

- 1.** Everyone worked well together & did what was needed. Shelter was made available.

- iii. Recovery (clean-up, state reimbursement procedures)**

- 1.** County declared an emergency, Village will be requesting funds for payroll, debris removal, & other expenses.

- b. Discuss Police & Fire Chiefs department goals for 2022.** Goals discussed above.

- c. Discuss & possible action on the agreement between the Village & South Wood County Animal Shelter for animal control activities.** Discussing annual contract with the shelter, Bossert made a sheet with historical data. Test case this year to offer services (spade/neuter, microchip, shots, surrender, etc.) to certified Port Edwards

residents, the Village would augment the expense. Bossert will be examining current pet laws & relooking over everything regarding animals.

- *Correspondence received.* None
- *Future Agenda items for next meeting:* Shelter plan.
- *Next meeting date:* 1 February 2022 at 4 p.m. in person.
- *Adjourn:* Adjourned at 4:55 p.m. **MOTION** by Saylor.

Eric Saylor – Chairman