

VILLAGE OF PORT EDWARDS

Port Edwards, Wisconsin

COMMITTEE: Public Safety Meeting

DATE: March 1, 2022

TO: JOSEPH ZURFLUH

cc: BETSY MANCL

DANA DUNCAN

JASON WORDEN

DIANE TREMMEL

ERIK SAYLOR

SUE MITCHELL

TIARA GRUNDEN

SCOTT DREW

RAYMOND BOSSERT

DAILY TRIBUNE

WFHR/WGLX

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Purpose of Meeting: **Regular Monthly Meeting**

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

Citizens: Kelley Nagorski, Thomas Guard

Subjects Discussed, Action Taken & Board Action Required:

Regular Monthly Meeting

- ***Call to order:*** Meeting called to order by Saylor - Chairman at 6:00 p.m.
- ***Roll Call:*** All present from above.
- ***Approve the previous month's minutes & agenda:*** **MOTION** (Saylor/Grunden) to approve minutes from 1 February 2022 & agenda. **Motion carried.**
- ***Public comments on agenda items:*** None.
- ***Committee Chairman's comments:*** Saylor would like to thank the Jason Leverance of the Public Works Department for picking up the fire department's ladders & hoses.
- ***Public Safety Updates***

Fire Department

- a. **Review monthly & budget comparison reports.** Engine 1 is back from Chippewa Falls. All items have been fixed except the diesel still throwing an alarm, parts still back-ordered. Pump operator class going well & recently passed the fire inspector test. Thermal imaging camera stop working, replacement cost is \$8k, working on options. Worden had first big fire as chief, lots of things went well with minor mistakes. Contract has been signed for the first responder district in Cranmoor. Waiting on Lori from dispatch to approve everything, currently on vacation. Charging \$2,500 for the fire contract, gauge how that goes & have a real sense of how much it should be after a year.

No progress on youth apprenticeship program. Thomas Guard wants to get them interested while still in high school as all the training element is a big deterrent the older they are as they don't have time with family & work. Public Safety Club has been absent from schools since Covid, Bossert wants to start it back up. Important to get them while they have the time in hopes to recruit more police officers/firefighters. Have trouble finding new recruits, want to pass flyers, sign in front of the fire station & other means to try & get to apply. Either get potential recruitment from the safety club or work with Mid-State as they have a fire apprentice program.

Police Department

- a. Review monthly & budget comparison reports.** Reached out to president of law enforcement club to set up a meeting, no response back at this time. Drug takeback is 24 April with the fire station as a drop-off place. Used leftover money from the budget last year to purchase emergency stickers, lots of support but not a lot of people seeking them. Grunden suggests talking with the schools about possible handouts there. Sheriff's department shared their range with us. Had armors inspection with Port Edwards weapons & taser training. Purchased updated equipment for tasers. Good display of all departments - fire/police/public works for large fire the other night. Payroll & squads are on track. Enforcement is down, criminal charges are up.

- **Old Business.**

- a. -Discuss the Bike Rodeo Concept for this Spring (Elementary school)** Fire & Police Chiefs will figure that out.
- b. -Discuss the establishment of the Public Safety Club at the High school to begin in Spring 2022.** Discussed above. Will work out details later, pending grant approval.

- **New Business.** Smoke installation program, purchase some smoke detectors, a possible tie-in with daylight savings time.
- **Correspondence received.** None.
- **Future Agenda items for next meeting:** Smoke installation program.
- **Next meeting date:** 5 April 2022 at 5 p.m. in person.
- **Adjourn:** Adjourned at 6:42 p.m. **MOTION** by Saylor.

Eric Saylor – Chairman