

# VILLAGE OF PORT EDWARDS

Port Edwards, Wisconsin

COMMITTEE: Public Safety Meeting

DATE: June 7, 2022

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Purpose of Meeting: **Regular Monthly Meeting**

**Attendance:** R. Bossert, J. Zurfluh, S. Mitchell, T. Grunden, C. McGregor, 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 Mitchell - Chairman at 4:00 p.m.
- **Roll Call:** All present from above.
- **Approve the previous month's agenda:** **MOTION** (Grunden/McGregor) to approve agenda. **Motion carried.**
- **Approve the previous month's minutes:** **MOTION** (McGregor/Grunden) to approve minutes from 3 May 2022. **Motion carried.**
- **Public comments on agenda items:** None.
- **Committee Chairman's comments:** Mitchell commented on issues related to guns & public safety due to the event that happened in Uvalde, TX on 24 May. We should not ignore what is happening & wants to see some discussion about how we approach public safety because we are not immune.
- **Public Safety Updates**

### **Fire Department**

- Review monthly & budget comparison reports.** Fire department was called four times to one house fire to wash down hot spots because they wanted to preserve evidence so it could be collected by the police.  
Call volume is way up from last year. Currently, the payroll budget is at \$16k, this is dwindling going fast because of the increase in calls. Engine 1's back-ordered part finally came in & should be fixed today. New applicant, Tim Leverance is in charge of the membership committee & is working on that.

## **Police Department**

- a. Review monthly & budget comparison reports.** Village garage sale had no accidents this year. The bike rodeo hit some snags; lower participation from students & complaints about the sale being the same weekend as the rodeo. Next year will have better communication & coordination to ensure it runs smoothly. House fire 26 May had 4 lbs of marijuana & 1 gram of meth. House will be demolished, the garage will remain. Squads are in good condition, there were repairs done on one, & is ready for pickup. Traffic grants from the state will have increased patrols in the area starting on 13 June. Grants will pay for payrolls due to the increase. Payroll & budget are on track.

- ***New Business.***

- a. SRO discussion & the need for a dedicated Police Hire for the next school year.** Prior to Uvalde, TX incident, discussions were started about obtaining an SRO (school resource officer). This position would be full-time while school is in session (9months) & oversee several activities as well as the face of security of the school. Will be pitched to the school board meeting tomorrow night. Cost-share between village & school will be  $\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\frac{2}{3}$ . Scott Stewart of the PFC (Police Fire Commission) will advertise for 30 days & handle the rest in order to obtain someone qualified before school starts in the fall. Suggestions for funding the SRO, there are pots of money that haven't been allocated that can be used, a grant from state for policing can be fenced to SRO & leftover money from ARPA can also be utilized.

**MOTION** (Mitchell/McGregor) to approve village funding for up to \$25K for the hire of a new SRO officer. (\$10K from the 2022 Police payroll account, \$7K from the State Police Grant, \$8K from the 2021 ARPA funds) **Motion carried.**

- b. Resident wants to establish a moped-trailer ice cream business. Discussion on any concerns from a vehicle standpoint.** This would require a bike & peddlers license, ice cream will be prepackaged from a local resident. The committee sees no issues.

- ***Old Business.***

- a. Continued Discussion on regulating Golf carts, electric bikes & update to ordinance.** Discussion from PLPIT meeting raised the registration amount from \$5 to \$25 which is equivalent to ATV/UTV.

**MOTION** (Grunden/McGregor) to approve the changes & updates to CHAPTER 7 of the Village ordinances on Traffic rules. **Motion carried.**

- ***Correspondence received.*** Public Works use of roads. Citizen complaint going down the wrong way on the road. Will be discussed in the next PW meeting.
- ***Future Agenda items for next meeting:*** SRO.
- ***Next meeting date:*** 6 July 2022 at 3:45 p.m., in person at the Marshall Buehler Center.
- ***Adjourn:*** Adjourned at 5:27 p.m. by Mitchell.