

VILLAGE OF PORT EDWARDS

Port Edwards, Wisconsin

COMMITTEE: Public Safety Meeting

DATE: August 2, 2022

TO: JOSEPH ZURFLUH

cc: BETSY MANCL

SUE MITCHELL

TIARA GRUNDEN

SCOTT DREW

CALEB MCGREGOR

ERIK SAYLOR

DAILY TRIBUNE

WFHR/WGLX

NICK ABTS

RAYMOND BOSSERT

JASON WORDEN

DIANE TREMMEL

LONN RADTKE

Purpose of Meeting: **Regular Monthly Meeting**

Attendance: R. Bossert, J. Zurfluh, S. Mitchell, T. Grunden (Zoom), C. McGregor, Police Chief Drew (Zoom), Fire Chief Worden, Police & Fire Commission Chairman Scott Stewart

Citizens: None

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 agenda:** **MOTION** (Zurfluh/McGregor) to approve agenda. **Motion carried.**
- **Public comments on agenda items:** None.
- **Approve the previous month's minutes:** **MOTION** (Zurfluh/McGregor) to approve minutes from 6 July 2022. **Motion carried.**
- **Committee Chairman's comments:** None.
- **Public Safety Updates**

Police Department

- a. Review monthly & budget comparison reports.** June 30 marked the end of the training calendar with the State of Wisconsin. Paperwork completed & sent in, will be reimbursed \$160 per full-time officer. Will need a new squad car in 2023, currently researching options. Squads have no known problems. Two traffic grants went unfilled, didn't have the manpower. Human remains found in the waterway, was the jurisdiction of the county, Village supported when requested. Remains have been sent off to pathologist to examine & determine identity. Budget on on par, less than 50% for the year. Enforcement had several traffic stops with citations. Lisited payroll budget from 2018 to now for comparion purposes.

Fire Department

- a. Review monthly & budget comparison reports.** July was a calmer month. There was an accident with two fire trucks during a training drill; driver of Engine 2 hit the brush truck which was stationary. Significant body damage to Engine 2, minor damage on brush truck. Both vehicles are fully functional & awaiting estimates. Received first estimate today for \$4,700. Budget is holding steady at 65% range.

- **Old Business.**

- a. Update on new police officer hire process.**

- i. PFC actions.** Ad expired today & received seven applications. Will review those applications at next week's meeting. Next phase will determine which of those applicants to interview.
- ii. Proposed police budget 2022-\$290k/2023=@\$360k.** Bossert inserted budget information in packet. Payroll is at 49% execution. Total police budget is \$290k with remaining payroll at \$40k. If hired within 30 days, pay & benefits will be \$43k. Challenge is next year to budget for a 4th full-time officer which equates at \$360k, which increases payroll budget by \$70k. There is no increase on any other budget lines for police other than payroll. This would cover 4 full-time officers, 2 crossing guards, & 1 part-time officer. This would provide SRO coverage at a level TBD. Current manning limits police force: patrol, administrative duties, etc.
- iii. Budgeted amount for 2022= \$43,000 (pay and benefits)**
- iv. Proposed budget for 2023=\$102k (pay and benefits)**
- v. Discussion with School Superintendent.** Met with new Superintendent James Bena to get thoughts. He is pro SRO, but his concern is he is new & doesn't have a grasp on the area, his peers, & board at the moment. Currently, he is comfortable going to the school board meeting next Wednesday to recommend the contract with the Village for police at the school to go from \$5k to \$10k. This would be 2 hours a day, 10 hours a week. This is just a starting point until he is done assessing the situation. Drew stated Bena had a successful SRO program at his old location in Marion district.
The committee believes it will better serve the village to add a 4th full-time officer. They are in agreement to go with the recommendation to go forward to FHR committee to hire a 4th full-time officer.

- **New Business.** None.

- **Correspondence received.** None.

- **Future Agenda items for next meeting:** SRO & semi parking on Market Avenue.

- **Next meeting date:** 6 September 2022 at 4:00 p.m., in person at the Marshall Buehler Center.

- **Adjourn:** Adjourned at 5:00 p.m. by Mitchell.