

VILLAGE OF PORT EDWARDS

Port Edwards, Wisconsin

COMMITTEE: Public Safety Meeting

DATE: September 6, 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, C. McGregor, Police Chief Drew, Fire Chief Worden, Police & Fire Commission Chairman Scott Stewart

Absent: T. Grunden

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 2 August 2022. **Motion carried.**
- **Committee Chairman's comments:** Mitchell thanks the Police and Fire departments for everything they did when in the face of tragedy in the community.
- **Public Safety Updates**
 - Police Department**
 - a. **Review monthly & budget comparison reports.** Chief Drew received correspondence from the United States Attorney's Office that a case from 2017 has been concluded. The perpetrator plead guilty to possessing child pornography & will be serving at least 10 years in jail. Case was initiated by the Port Edwards Police Department which led to a lengthy investigation & included other police departments. Drew would like to thank the former officers for their efforts in that case.
Completed one traffic grant that will be reimbursed by the State of Wisconsin, one was left unfulfilled due to staff shortages. Squad 1 had two tires replaced, other vehicles have no known issues. Randall Van Lysal accepted the crossing guard position with Kristi Bossert as a substitute. No updates on the human remains found in the river in July 2022.

Drew included a payroll comparison in the packet from August 2018 for informational purposes. Enforcement has been steady & budget is on par at 56.18%.

- b. Update on PFC vetting & potential full-time officer hire.** Stewart states they are in phase 3 which includes interviews and in-depth background checks. The PFC should have the eligibility hire list prior to October's board meeting.

Fire Department

- a. Review monthly & budget comparison reports.** Down to one training drill a month. Two estimates were received for Engine 2's repairs & will be moving forward soon. Other vehicles have no known issues. Have two applicants which will undergo interviews shortly. A dozen of the department went to Sturgis & scattered a bit of Jim Schuerman's ashes around the area. Fire calls have been slightly up since last year & first responder calls have doubled. Activities for the month were an officer's meeting, first responder training & vehicle extrication training drill. Budget is at 65%. Chief is accepting applications for advancement, up to & including assistant chief.

- **Public Safety budget discussion.** Bossert included two updated sheets in the packet. Fire department is at \$133k, up by \$5k. \$65k is from contracts outside of the village. Increase in truck expenses. Police department is at \$359k, up by 19%. The biggest increase is in salary due to the 4th police officer, the rest is pretty much the same with some small changes.

MOTION (Mitchell/Zurfluh) to approve the police & fire departments' budgets as presented.
Motion carried.

- **Review issues & initiatives with the NEPCO Lake transition with public safety.** Bossert added information in the packet about possible mileage and hours. There are a couple of dry hydrants, will need to pump water through to check them out. Will need to verify water access points for the fire department. Continue to monitor potential find issues to make for a smooth transition when the village acquires the properties around Nepco Lake.
- **Old Business.** None.
- **New Business.** Zurfluh asks to postpone the bike lane on Port Rd between Ver Bunker & Hwy 54 until the budget is approved
- **Correspondence received.** Nick Abts did his annual letter to the village about any potential or pending lawsuits.
- **Future Agenda items for next meeting:** New squad for the police department.
- **Next meeting date:** 4 October 2022 at 4:00 p.m., in person at the Marshall Buehler Center.
- **Adjourn:** Adjourned at 5:01 p.m. by Mitchell.

Sue Mitchell – Chairman