

VILLAGE OF PORT EDWARDS

Port Edwards, Wisconsin

COMMITTEE: Public Safety Meeting

DATE: October 4, 2022

TO: JOSEPH ZURFLUH

cc: BETSY MANCL ERIK SAYLOR RAYMOND BOSSERT
SUE MITCHELL DAILY TRIBUNE JASON WORDEN
TIARA GRUNDEN WFHR/WGLX DIANE TREMMEL
SCOTT DREW NICK ABTS LONN RADTKE
CALEB MCGREGOR

Purpose of Meeting: **Regular Monthly Meeting**

Attendance: R. Bossert, J. Zurfluh (Zoom), K. Nagorski, S. Mitchell, T. Grunden, C. McGregor, Police Chief Drew, Fire Chief Worden

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** (McGregor/Gruden) to approve agenda. **Motion carried.**
- ***Public comments on agenda items:*** None.
- ***Approve the previous month's minutes:*** **MOTION** (Grunden/McGregor) to approve minutes from 6 September 2022. **Motion carried.**
- ***Committee Chairperson's comments:*** None.
- ***Public Safety Updates***
 - Fire Department**
 - a. **Review monthly & budget comparison reports.** The month of September has been busy & no reason for increased calls was found. Increased call volumes, 189/111 (2022/2021), will cause the department to go over budget. Requesting a 12% increase for next year. Made an appointment to get Engine 2 repaired, need to fill out insurance paperwork prior. The rest of the vehicles are in good shape.

A house fire in May involved drugs & money. Defendant's attorney is trying to get evidence tossed out citing an illegal search. Subpoenas have been issued for the department's involvement.

Police Department

- a. **Review monthly & budget comparison reports.** The department will provide coverage for 1 hour a day (on average) at local schools. The school has been invoiced from 1 September through 31 December for \$2,212.21. Attended a presentation from "Flock Safety" which is a license plate reader camera service that is being used in real-time to be alerted of any information inputted into the system. Chief can see benefits for parts of the village. The cost is \$2,500 per camera per year. Cost is an issue, will investigate possible grants, future use, & raw data.
Drug takeback event on 29 October.
An order has been submitted for a 2023 Dodge Durango squad. Limited options due to bidding closed on most other vehicles. The money has already been budgeted for this purchase. Squad conditions are good. Traffic enforcement is down. Citations are not working with the dog barking issue, will be talking to attorney Abts about options.
- b. **Update on PFC vetting & potential full-time officer hire.** The eligibility list will be provided by the PFC on 10 October.

- **Public Safety budget discussion.** Added some specifics to outlay per recommendations from the president of the board. \$40k for the outlay has been previously budgeted, asking to add \$15k to outfit the squad to the budget for 2023. A pay increase of 3% across the board has been added for 4 full-time officers, 1 part-time officer, & 2 crossing guards. In the upcoming months, the interns will take a salary survey with communities like ours so the village has an idea of what other departments are doing.
- **Old Business.** None.
- **New Business.** State giving additional Public Safety money based on ARPA which will come out this year. Numbers are unknown at the moment. Meeting tomorrow with ambulance folks in Wisconsin Rapids about contract calculations that provide ambulance services for the village. The contract is good for 2023 for \$18k a year. Prices are skyrocketing & calls are going up, need to lock in a contract for the next five years.
- **Correspondence received.** None.
- **Future Agenda items for next meeting:** Fire department stipend data.
- **Next meeting date:** 1 November 2022 at 4:00 p.m., in person at the Marshall Buehler Center.
- **Adjourn:** Adjourned at 5:09 p.m. by Mitchell.

Sue Mitchell – Chairman