

VILLAGE OF PORT EDWARDS

Port Edwards, Wisconsin

COMMITTEE: Public Safety Meeting

DATE: November 1, 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), S. Mitchell, T. Grunden, C. McGregor, Police Chief Drew, Fire Chief Worden

Citizens: Lonn Radtke

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 4 October 2022. **Motion carried.**
- ***Committee Chairperson's comments:*** None.
- ***Public Safety Updates***
 - Fire Department**
 - a. **Review monthly & budget comparison reports.** The month of October has been busy & mostly an increase in medical type calls, NOT fires. Increased call volumes, 210/134 (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. Issue on the Brush truck and a replacement plan needs to be discussed. This will be tied to our Budget discussions. (a \$75K item)

- b. **Officer Stipends-** Fire department published their proposed Stipend program and this was voted to approve an addition \$4500 for the stipend program as part of the budget. This will be addressed at the FHR meeting.

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.

Drug takeback event on 29 October 2022 and we collected over 13 pounds of expired drugs from the Village.

- c. **Update on PFC vetting & potential full-time officer hire.** The eligibility list has been published and there will be no hiring action until mid-2023 until we see the potential for Safety grants from the FEDs and the State and the actual requirements for our Police force tied to the Village, NEPCO lake and the school.

- **Public Safety budget discussion.** A pay increase of 3% across the board has been added for 3 full-time officers, 3 part-time officers, & 2 crossing guards. In the upcoming months, the interns will conduct 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 close to tripling in 2024 to \$45K & calls are going up, this contract will be for 4 years but is up for discussions in 2023.
- **Correspondence received.** None.
- **Future Agenda items for next meeting:** New hire and Police pay wage raise.
- **Next meeting date:** 6 December 2022 at 4:00 p.m., in person at the Marshall Buehler Center.
- **Adjourn:** Adjourned at 5:44 p.m. by Mitchell.

Sue Mitchell – Chairman