

# VILLAGE OF PORT EDWARDS

Port Edwards, Wisconsin

COMMITTEE: Public Safety Meeting

DATE: January 31, 2023

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:** J. Zurfluh, 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 Chairman Mitchell at 4:00 p.m.
- ***Roll Call:*** All present from above.
- ***Approve the agenda & approve the previous month's minutes, 3 January 2023: MOTION*** (McGregor/Gruden) to approve agenda & previous month's minutes. **Motion carried.**
- ***Public comments on agenda items:*** None.
- ***Committee Chairperson's comments:*** None.
- ***Public Safety Updates***
  - Police Department**
    - a. **Review monthly & budget comparison reports.** Completed reconstruction report from state patrol of the crash on 12/24/2022 & was sent to the district attorney. 47% of Lexipol policies applied; will continue to implement new ones when time permits. No complaints or issues with the three sex offenders located in the village. United States Attorney's Office reported that a defendant in a previous case that was worked on by former employees of the police department was sentenced to 10 years of prison. Squads are in good condition & budget is on track.

**Fire Department**

- a. Review monthly & budget comparison reports.** January started off with fewer calls than last year. Retired firefighter Lester “Pinky” Emerson passed away, he helped co-cook the Thanksgiving dinner meeting meal for the department every year. The officer's meeting was rescheduled to be in January to get a headstart on yearly planning. Yesterday, disposed of Class B Foam; the state is paying for this disposal. Had team building exercises with the police department. Vehicles are in good condition other than the rescue squad that had a dead battery. Requesting another email address to use for fire reports.
  
- **Old Business.**
  - a. Conduct an update on the corrective actions for the fire department from the 2021 report.** A draft was submitted to Raymond Bossert on Friday, an internal investigation was performed on April 21. Will be updating bylaws which will link up to Lexipol & the village handbook.  
Funds raised for the athletic association are in a privately held account. Those funds go towards bells & whistles equipment: Example: side by side UTV.
  
- **New Business.**
  - a. Discuss Lexipol status by the department. Status of the updates & issues.** Parts were addressed in old business, step one is updating the bylaws for the fire department. The committee is acknowledging that it is harder to find police officers due to high risk. In order to go forward, will need quality & higher wages.
  
- **Correspondence received.** None.
  
- **Future Agenda items for next meeting:** Police department wages.
  
- **Next meeting date:** 7 March 2023 at 4:00 p.m., in person at the Marshall Buehler Center.
  
- **Adjourn:** Adjourned at 4:48 p.m. by Mitchell.

Sue Mitchell – Chairman