

VILLAGE OF PORT EDWARDS

Port Edwards, Wisconsin

COMMITTEE: Public Safety Meeting

DATE: May 3, 2023

TO: BETSY MANCL

cc: BETSY MANCL

JEN MOORE

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: T. Grunden, C. McGregor, Police Chief Drew, Fire Chief Worden, Administrator Bossert, J. Moore

Citizens: Cary Smith

Subjects Discussed, Action Taken & Board Action Required:

Regular Monthly Meeting

- ***Call to order:*** Meeting called to order by Chairman McGregor at 5:00 p.m.
- ***Roll Call:*** All present from above.
- ***Approve the agenda & approve the previous month's minutes, 6 April 2023:*** **MOTION** Grunden/ 2nd Moore, **Motion carried.**
- ***Public comments on agenda items:*** None.
- ***Committee Chairperson's comments:*** None.
- ***Public Safety Updates***

Fire Department

- a. Review monthly & budget comparison reports.** The Chief updated the committee on his progress and activities, no issues.
- b. Discussion on the Village EMS coverage.** A discussion on the utilization of the fire department for EMS coverage in addition to the ambulance coverage from Wisconsin rapids. Concerns that this small element of the department (5 individuals) are consuming over 50% of the Fire department payroll. The Administrator offered some future options- end the program, modify the program with a reduced payment for their calls, \$ TBD, continue as is and budget more funds.

- c. For reference- in 2022 the ambulance service responded to 162 calls in Port Edwards, our EMS team assisted at 92 of those calls. In over 90% of the calls the Village EMS call came well after the ambulance was on scene.
- d. Concerns by the Chief on the elimination of the program as well as any reduction in payments to respond. This was echoed by Trustee Grunden, she likes the hometown connection of a Village firefighter on scene. Trustee Moore was open to the idea of a reduced payment with further discussion. The Chief will address the department to get a sense of their ideas on the discussion.
- e. This will be tabled till next month with more details.

Police Department

- a. Update by the Chief on Police issues per his report, nothing significant to report. The new Squad has arrived and being outfitted. There is a slight increase in the budget line due to the outfitting the vehicle, but this will be addressed.

- **Old Business.** None
- **New Business.** None
- **Correspondence received.** None.
- **Future Agenda items for next meeting:** Lexipol update, further discussion on EMS coverages
- **Next meeting date:** 7 June 2023 at 4:00 p.m., in person at the Marshall Buehler Center.
- **Adjourn:** Adjourned at 5:55 p.m. by McGregor

Video Meeting Link- https://youtu.be/1_I5NKfVAI4

Caleb McGregor – Chairman