

VILLAGE OF PORT EDWARDS
Port Edwards, Wisconsin

COMMITTEE: Public Safety

DATE: July 5, 2023

TO: BETSY MANCL

cc: JOSEPH ZURFLUH
DAILY TRIBUNE
WFHR/WGLX
JASON WORDEN

ERIK SAYLOR
CALEB MCGREGOR
SCOTT DREW
LONN RADTKE

JEN MOORE
TIARA GRUNDEN
NICK ABTS

Purpose of Meeting: **Regular Monthly Meeting**

Attendance: T. Grunden, C. McGregor, J. Moore, S. Drew, J. Worden, B. Mancl

Citizens: Cary Smith, Matt Fletcher

Subjects Discussed, Action Taken, and Board Action Required:

1. ***Call to order:*** Meeting called to order by C. McGregor at 5:00 p.m.
2. ***Roll Call:*** All Present.
3. ***Approve the previous months minutes and Agenda:*** **MOTION** (Grunden/2nd Moore) to approve minutes of the June 7, 2023 and 22 June 2023 special meeting and the agenda. Motion carried.
4. ***Public comments on agenda items:*** None
5. ***Committee Chairman's comments:*** None
6. ***Discuss/action Police Department Actions and Budget:***
 - Chief reviewed his monthly report, No issues
 - No new information on the school guardian act grant.
 - Lexipol update- 85 out of 166 policies have been issued
 - Still waiting on parts for new squad
 - The Chief is compiling data on state requirements for equipment- life span, amount of use expectations. These will be compiled by next month.
7. ***Discuss/action Fire Department Actions and Budget:***
 - a. **There was discussion regarding the EMS budget.** Three options were presented if the budget concerns pan out in the 3rd Quarter. No changes and just augment the budget at that time, cancel the EMS coverage, reduce the call rate for EMS calls. This will be reviewed in 3 months for a future discussion.

- b. FYI-- There will be a 40% increase in what we pay WRFD for ambulance service starting Jan 2024.
- c. **Regarding facial hair** -There was conversation regarding the state statute that requires clean shaven face to provide a safe seal with the SCBA. A variety of options to accommodate have been researched and only a second hood could assist with the seal but we require more details from the fire department. The Chief has presented a Policy that no bearded persons can enter the fire but can assist on other issues on scene, that's his mitigation plan. Annually the department conforms to the rules by a fit test, but no accountability is taken for failed test (no dismissal, etc...) At the next meeting a state fire district leader will be asked to attend to better explain this issue for the Board to decide its stance.
- d. Lexipol update, the department has identified 44 policies to be reviewed. Hard copies will be distributed to all leaders and in 60 days they will report the status of compliance. A decision by December needs to be made on keeping Lexipol for the fire department.
- e. PEFD Bylaws have been presented and will be voted on by the department. Next month they will bring them for a MOTION to the Board. The committee was fine with the additions presented by the Chief.
- f. Vehicle tires are reviewed annually by the Village inspection team (mid-state) per state statute we are in compliance based on the manufacturer standards. We will continue to check the status of the tires and other safety issues on the fire vehicles. We have an estimate for all tires to be replaced at approx. \$10K this was tabled pending more details from the inspection company.
- g. The Chief is compiling data on state requirements for equipment- life span, amount of use expectations. These will be compiled by next month

8. Correspondence received: No

9. Future Agenda Items: Review Proposed Police and Fire Staff Budgets. Continue EMS discussion.

10. Next meeting date: 2 August, 2023 at 4:00pm

11. Adjourn: Adjourned at 6:50pm.

Caleb McGregor – Chairman