

VILLAGE OF PORT EDWARDS  
Port Edwards, Wisconsin

COMMITTEE: Public Safety

DATE: November 2, 2023

TO: BETSY MANCL

cc: JOSEPH ZURFLUH  
DAILY TRIBUNE  
WFHR/WGLX  
JASON WORDEN

ERIK SAYLOR  
CALEB MCGREGOR  
LONN RADTKE  
SCOTT DREW

JEN MOORE  
TIARA GRUNDEN  
NICK ABTS

Purpose of Meeting: **Regular Monthly Meeting**

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

Citizens: Cary Smith

**Subjects Discussed, Action Taken, and Board Action Required:**

1. ***Call to order:*** Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m.
2. ***Roll Call:*** Present as noted above.
3. ***Approve the Agenda:*** **MOTION** (Grunden/Moore) to approve the agenda. Motion carried. All ayes.
4. ***Approve the previous month's minutes:*** **MOTION** (Grunden/Moore) to approve the previous month's minutes. Motion carried. All ayes.
5. ***Committee Chairman's comments:*** Thanked the police and fire chiefs for the work they have done on the budget.
6. ***Public comments on agenda items:*** Cary Smith inquired about the timing of when fire contracts were provided to townships.
7. ***Fire Department – General Update:*** Chief Worden provided department update. Assistant Chief Leverance provided his retirement letter. Chief Worden read it at the meeting. His retirement date will be January 1, 2024.
  - a) Grant search results provided by Prosperity Grants.
  - b) Erco did a tabletop exercise and simulated an overturned truck. Very good training.
  - c) While October was fire prevention month kids came to the fire station for tours and firefighters went to schools in classrooms providing fire education.
  - d) Call volume same as last year at this time. 210 calls ytd.
8. ***Police Department – General Update:*** Chief Drew provided department update.
  - a) Conversations are ongoing with the insurance company regarding the repair of damaged squad.

- b) Nine shifts in October didn't have complete coverage.
- c) Assisted in the state cross country meet at the Ridges golf course.
- d) Participated in Trunk or Treat.
- e) Hosted a drug take back day. Turned over 28 pounds of medications to Wood County.
- f) Officers completed state mandated training at Mid-State.
- g) Officer Mertes & Chief Drew assisted with Run with the Cops event October 5<sup>th</sup>. This is a fundraising event for Special Olympics Wisconsin.
- h) **MOTION** (Moore/McGregor) to recommend to Committee of the Whole the proposed PEPD 2024 budget (dated 10/31 from Diane) with the following amendments. Include a 3% salary increase for Chief Drew and a 5% increase for the officers. Add an additional \$1,000 to the clothing expenses bringing that to a total of \$2,000.00 and add \$1,000.00 to police conferences bringing that total to \$2,000.00.

**9. Old business:** Move ad hoc committee action forward.

**10. New business:** None.

**11. Correspondence received:** None.

**12. Future Agenda Items:** Lexipol updates from both departments.

**13. Next meeting date:** Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 5 pm.

**14. Adjourn:** 6:32 pm.

Minutes taken by – Tiara Grunden  
Caleb McGregor – Chairman