

VILLAGE OF PORT EDWARDS
Port Edwards, Wisconsin

COMMITTEE: Public Safety

DATE: March 5, 2024

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, T. Grunden, B. Mancl, Chief Drew, Chief Worden and Interim Administrator Duane Gau

Citizens: Cary Smith , Brian Luebke & Delno Stewart

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 consent agenda. Motion carried. All ayes.
4. ***Approve the previous month's minutes:*** **MOTION** (Grunden/Moore) to approve the previous month's minutes, February 6, 2024. Motion carried. All ayes.
5. ***Committee Chairman's comments:*** None
6. ***Public comments on agenda items:*** None
7. ***Fire Department – General Update:***
 - Chief said that the grant for the turn-out gear is finished. It has been submitted to FEMA. Interim Admin Gau said much of the work was done by the Chief. Diane also helped. It was submitted in full on time. They will know the results in June. Application was for about 70K. Village portion would be around 3K. Instead of asking for 20 units, we had to ask for 17 units due to the amount of firefighters on staff. Duane thanked Chief and Diane for all the work on it. Lexipol also helped. Chief felt like it was a good process. He said they start awarding the funds in June. They do bi-weekly awards.
 - Chief thanked Ben Martinson for helping get the rescue truck fixed. It has been painted. It just needs the pinstriping and will be done. It should last a few more years.
 - Chief thanked Brian Luebke & Jeff Abley for helping catch up on fire reports. They went to a new system. During the switch there was a backlog of reports that the guys helped them catch up on.

- 2024 fire calls are ahead of last year. In February we have a trend of double EMS calls. This year that didn't happen. Chief thinks it may be weather related.
- We need a new light bar on the brush truck.
- Interim Administrator Gau asked a few questions regarding replacing Engine 3. Chief went over the 5year plan. This year, the goal is to gather information to spec out a new truck.
- In future SCBA air packs and masks need to be replaced.
- Brian Luebke was promoted. Cary Smith and Jeff Abley are also being promoted. Chief does not agree with the lack of promotion of the individual who was denied.

8. *Police Department – General Update:*

- Chief reported a very busy month. Many unlocked vehicles were gone through in the morning hours. This is still continuing. One of the individuals was apprehended. Wood County Officer and Bingo, a firearm dog, helped find a firearm. He'd like to do a letter of commendation in the future.
- Chief Drew attended the WI Police Chief Leadership conference in the Dells.
- Eight Shifts weren't filled or only partially filled.
- The people doing some of the illegal activities know the schedule and are often acting when our officers are off duty. Chief Drew is working with the County to create awareness and help during some of those off hours.
- The Legacy grant is waiting on financials before submission. Awards happen in June.
- The Explorer is getting bodywork done. It will be back on the road soon.
- Ordinance citations have been on the rise. Truancy issues, tobacco issues, etc. are leading to extra ordinance citations.

9. *Old business:* None.

10. *New business:* Athletic Association needs approval for the Fireman's Dance.

11. *Correspondence received:* None.

12. *Future Agenda Items:*

13. *Next meeting date:* Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at 5 pm.

14. *Adjourn:* 5:47 pm.

Minutes taken by – Jen Moore
Caleb McGregor – Chairman