

VILLAGE OF PORT EDWARDS
Port Edwards, Wisconsin

COMMITTEE: Public Safety

DATE: June 26, 2024

TO: BETSY MANCL

cc: JOSEPH ZURFLUH
RICK HESS
DUSTIN LEASE

ERIK SAYLOR
TIARA GRUNDEN
SCOTT DREW

JEN MOORE
LONN RADTKE
NICK ABST

Purpose of Meeting: **Regular Monthly Meeting**

Attendance: Zurfluh, Hess Saylor (zoom), Mancl, Gau, Chief Lease and Chief Drew

Citizens: Cary Smith and Scott Stewart (Zoom)

Subjects Discussed, Action Taken, and Board Action Required:

1. ***Call to order:*** Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m.
2. ***Declaration of a quorum:***
3. ***Approve the Agenda: MOTION*** (Zurfluh/Hess) to approve the consent agenda (agenda & previous months minutes). Motion carried. All ayes.
4. ***Committee Chairman's comments:*** None.
5. ***Public comments on agenda items:*** Cary Smith would like to comment on #6b, that in the Fire Department's current bylaws it states that personal vehicles cannot be taken to the scene of an incident.
6. ***Fire Department – General Update:***
 - a. Chief Lease went over the month's activities.
 - One activity being the Athletic Associations Street Dance which he felt went well and was happy with the turnout.
 - There were multiple types of trainings done throughout the month, including EMS training and water movement training.
 - There have been three new applications for the Fire Department.
 - Lt. Abley completed the State Fire Inspector class. Now the department has two fire inspectors.
 - Associate members Sairs and Fuhs completed entry level and Firefighter 1 classes and will have their test outs this month.
 - Chief Lease is applying for a DNR FFP Grant that is due July 1st. This is a 50/50 grant to be able to purchase new wildland fire gear and gloves. Chief Lease is not confident about receiving the

latest grant that was put in for due to the multiple years NFIRS and WARDS reporting not being done. Assistant Chief Luebke and Lt. Abley have been catching up on those reports.

- b. Discussion on the Fire Chief utilizing personal vehicle to respond to calls.
- Fire Chief Lease stated that this would help get to the scene quicker to be able to do his 360 and try to make a game plan before others arrive.
 - This also helps communicate to those responding what is needed.
 - This would also free up a spot on the engine for additional personnel to respond.
 - Interim Administrator Gau presented on the insurance piece of this, what the personal insurance company would cover vs. what the Village's insurance would cover. There was also a handout provided about how to respond in personal vehicles. Trustee Saylor did not object to this purpose, his concern would be not parking in a spot where engines need to be positioned. He would like the bylaws to be changed first before the Board moves forward with this.
 - Also a discussion on budgeting for a response vehicle like surrounding departments have done.

7. Police Department – General Update: Reviewed report.

- Officer Abbott attended a School Resource Officer conference.
- All of the department's annual training requirements have been met and are being submitted to the State for reimbursement.
- The construction that has been happening on HWY 54/73 has brought some chaos to the Village. Leading semis to drive all around the Village. There have been 10 citations of violation of weight restriction.
- The department also participated in a 5hour Click It or Ticket grant this month.
- The Police Department budget is sitting at 32.74% used at this time.

8. Old business: None.

9. New business: None.

10. Correspondence received: President MancI received an email communication from a resident based on the increase in semi truck traffic on Port Road.

11. Future Agenda Items: Update/discussion on the use of Fire Chief's vehicle to respond.

12. Trustee Comments: None

13. Next meeting date: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 @ 4:30 pm.

14. Adjourn: 4:59 pm by Chairman Zurfluh.