

**VILLAGE OF PORT EDWARDS**  
**Port Edwards, Wisconsin**

COMMITTEE: Public Safety

DATE: July 24, 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, Mancl, Chief Lease (by phone) and Chief Drew

Citizens: Scott Stewart

**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*** (Mancl/Hess) to approve the consent agenda (agenda & previous months minutes). Motion carried. All ayes.
4. ***Committee Chairman's comments:*** MOU for therapy dog.
5. ***Public comments on agenda items:*** None.
6. ***Fire Department – General Update:***
  - a. Chief Lease went over the month's activities.
    - Chief Lease attended the North Central Fire Chief's meeting. There are about 20 chiefs that attend this meeting which is helpful in networking and brainstorming with other chiefs.
    - Two (2) applicants have been moved on from the background screening and have also passed their medical screening. Chief will be offering employment to these two (2) applicants. Chairman Stewart of the Police & Fire Commission explained that these two (2) candidates can come in at firefighter level and do not need to be associates because they have all of their qualifications already.
    - The August EMS training will be Lifelink coming in and doing a landing zone training. Other area departments as well as Sheriff's Rescue have been invited to attend.
  - b. Discussion and possible action on the formation of a cadet program for the PEFD.
    - Fire Chief Lease presented on his thoughts of creating a cadet program for our department which would closely resemble how WRFD does theirs. A discussion was had with Mr. Bena and Mr. Steltenpohl at the school district about this. They have been supportive of having a Public Safety Cadet program meet at the school. This will hopefully help in the understanding of both

fire and police departments. Chairman Zurfluh determined that there is no motion needed as there has been a Law Enforcement Club in the past. Chairman Zurfluh would like President Mancl to be the representative for the Board with this club.

**7. Police Department – General Update:** Reviewed report.

- Officer Abbott and Chief Drew attended a Wood County Drug Court meeting. That meeting addressed law enforcement involvement in the group.
- Chief Drew attended a zoom meeting with the school district and Captain Hoogesteger (WCSD) in reference to the school mapping project. The project has been completed and distributed electronically.
- The department participated in the 5-hour Click It or Ticket traffic grant this month. WCSD has informed Chief Drew that Wood County has achieved a higher ranking in the state for seatbelt use, reduced crashes and reduced OWIs. There will not be future grants like this assigned to Wood County.

**8. Old business:** None.

**9. New business:** None.

**10. Correspondence received:** None.

**11. Future Agenda Items:** None.

**12. Trustee Comments:** None

**13. Next meeting date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2024 @ 4:30 pm.

**14. Adjourn:** 5:07 pm by Chairman Zurfluh.

Joseph Zurfluh – Chairman  
Minutes taken by Betsy Mancl