

VILLAGE OF PORT EDWARDS
Port Edwards, Wisconsin

COMMITTEE: Public Safety

DATE: August 28, 2024

TO: BETSY MANCL

cc: JOSEPH ZURFLUH
RICK HESS
DUSTIN LEASE

ERIK SAYLOR
TIARA GRUNDEN
SCOTT DREW

ERIC HUMMEL
LONN RADTKE
NICK ABST

Purpose of Meeting: **Regular Monthly Meeting**

Attendance: Zurfluh, Hess, Mancl, Chief Lease, Chief Drew and D. Gau
Citizens: Scott Stewart

Subjects Discussed, Action Taken, and Board Action Required:

1. ***Call to order:*** Meeting called to order at 12:00 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:*** None.
6. ***Fire Department – General Update:***
 - a. Chief Lease went over the month's activities.
 - The Fire Department hosted a LZ training for all South Wood County First Responder Departments with Life Link. Life Link members also held a class at the station before the landing of the helicopter.
 - Chief Lease and Lt. Mancl attended a meeting with the Police Department and school to start a Protective Services Club. This will be held the 2nd & 4th Wednesday at the school during Blackhawk period.
 - Hose testing was done.
 - Chief Lease and Supervisor Martinson will be working on a key fob system for the fire station to make sure it is secure.
 - Chief Lease attended a meeting with DSPS for new fire chief orientation.
 - b. ***Discussion and possible motion to create a first responder only position within the Fire Department: MOTION*** (Zurfluh/Hess) to create a first responder only position. Chief Lease would like to create a first responder only position. As of right now, the job description is to be a first responder on the

department you have to be a fire fighter first. Chief Lease would like to open this position if those interested in serving in the first responder role without being a fire fighter can serve our Village. According to the bylaws of the department, there can be 12 fire responder personnel. Chief Lease would need to stay in his budget for this. 2 ayes/1 nay (Saylor) Motion passed.

- c. ***Discussion and possible motion to create a cadet program within the Fire Department: MOTION*** (Saylor/Hess) to create a cadet program within the Fire Department. Chief Lease explained the program. This would be a program that is open to all students, not just Port Edwards. This is not the same as the **Protective Services Committee** that is being done on the Port Edwards School. This would be done like other Cadet Programs in the area. Motion carried. All aye.

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

- Chief Drew received a resignation letter from a part time officer who just was appointed Grand Rapids Police Chief. We wish him the best in his new endeavors.
- The department assisted in several cases over the month. One was the animal case in the Village. There were multiple animals located within that were malnourished and sick. There was cooperation with Wood County Sheriff's Department, Wood County Humane Officer, Wood County Health Department, South Wood County Humane Society, Nekoosa Police Department and the Port Edwards Public Works crew. The house is not fit for habitation and is scheduled for demolition. Another incident was an infant death case that remains under investigation. Chief Drew attended the autopsy in Madison.
- Officer Mertes represented the department at the National Night Out event at Witter Field on August 6th.
- The department participated in another 5 hour Click It or Ticket traffic grant.

8. *Old business:* None.

9. *New business:* None.

10. *Correspondence received:* None.

11. *Future Agenda Items:* None.

12. *Next meeting date:* Wednesday, August 25, 2024 @ 4:30 pm.

13. *Adjourn:* 12:46 pm by Chairman Zurfluh.

Joseph Zurfluh – Chairman
Minutes taken by Betsy Mancl