

Committee of the Whole
Public Safety Committee
Wednesday, November 9, 2022
7:00 a.m.
Village Conference Room

Attendance

Committee Members:	
Timothy Nugent, Mayor	X
Timothy Boyce, Trustee	
Todd Crockett, Trustee	X
Diane Dole, Trustee	X
Joel Gesky, Trustee	X
Sam Martin, Trustee	X
Wendell Phillips, Trustee	X
Other attendees:	
Chris LaRocque, Village Administrator	X
Jim Hanley, Supt of Public Works	X
Al Swinford, Chief of Police	X
Ryan Marion, Building Official	X
Sarah Marion, Marketing Director	
Sheila Martin, Treasurer	X
Darla Hurley, Deputy Village Clerk	X
Lt. Brian Lockwood	X

Trustee Dole called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Mayor Nugent, seconded by Trustee Martin, to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2022 as presented; motion carried by voice vote. All ayes, no nays.

No Public Participation

Items for Discussion:

- **Purchase of two LPR Car Cameras / Grant** – Chief Swinford stated that he had budgeted for one LPR car camera but had struggled with which vendor to use. One of the vendor’s mentioned that there was a grant and the Chief applied. The village has received notification that we were approved for the grant of \$36,700 for two LPR car systems. The vendor installs the cameras to the squads.
- **Significant Case Update** – Chief Swinford supplied a report. (*see packet*). Chief Swinford highlighted three significant cases:
 - 1) Thefts at Ace Hardware – one arrest has been made; The department used a critical reach bulletin that the department subscribes to; this bulletin helped identify the subject of one of the thefts at Ace Hardware. Department personnel met with employees and managers of Ace Hardware to offer suggestions to help detour thefts.
 - 2) GPS Thefts – arrests have been made. A farmer in northern Illinois used Apple Air Tags which led to a home where subjects were found to have stolen equipment.
 - 3) Counterfeit bills were passed at Yanni’s and Dollar General. Ottawa PD put out a critical reach bulletin and were able to solve our crime with their information.

- **Personnel Update** –
 - With the retirement of Sgt. Gagnon in December, the department would like to promote Officer Chris Reynolds, the next person on the promotion list. He is currently in investigations. This will cause some changes in other areas. Officer Zairius West would be moved to investigations from the Stolen Auto Task Force (Kankakee office). Officer Dan Lengel would move to the Stolen Auto Task Force Kankakee Office which leaves the Stolen Auto Task Force Will County office slot open. Officer Scott Halper would move to the Stolen Auto Task Force Will County office.
 - 10-41 Counseling Service – This would be a yearly service for \$1500. The service would provide counseling, mental health wellness checks and any other needs in a critical situation. This offers more services and is less expensive.
- **PD Facility Update** – Village staff met yesterday with CCC Holdings for a pre-construction conference. Final contracts are being completed by Carlile. The project is expected to take six months with a projected start date of November 28th.
- **Damage/Vandalism Recap** - The updated list was provided in the packet.
- **Stolen Auto Recap** – Included in the packet.

A motion by Mayor Nugent and seconded by Trustee Dole to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 a.m. Voice vote – all ayes.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Darla Hurley, Deputy Village Clerk