

**Committee of the Whole  
Public Safety Committee**

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

7:00 a.m.

Village Board Room

**Attendance**

<b>Committee Members:</b>	
Timothy Nugent, Mayor	X
Timothy Boyce, Trustee	X
Todd Crockett, Trustee	X
Diane Dole, Trustee	X
Joel Gesky, Trustee	X
CJ Boudreau, Trustee	
Wendell Phillips, Trustee	X
<b>Other attendees:</b>	
Chris LaRocque, Village Administrator	X
Jim Hanley, Supt of Public Works	X
Al Swinford, Chief of Police	X
Sheila Martin, Treasurer	X
Jakob Knox, Community Relations Dir	X
Bruce Hill, HR Green	X
Darla Hurley, Deputy Village Clerk	X
Dawn Gesky, Office Assistant	X

Trustee Dole called the meeting to order at 7:20 a.m.

A motion made by Trustee Gesky, seconded by Trustee Boyce, to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2024, as presented; motion carried by voice vote. All ayes, no nays. Boudreau absent

**Public Participation:** None

**Items for Discussion:**

- **Significant Case Updates (see packet)–**
  - Stabbing trial
  - Foot clinic burglary – IOA still has issues with students staying on campus
  - Facebook theft at McDonalds
  - car burglaries – working with Bradley & Bourbonnais PD
  
- **Monthly Stats** - See packet for details.
  
- **KAMEG Officer Discussion**

The narcotics task force for Kankakee County area has obtained a federal grant for \$25,000 to cover a portion of an officer’s salary and \$7,000 for overtime. Chief Swinford would like to move forward with this and place one of our officers on the task force. The village’s portion would be approximately \$70,000. There is no end date for the grant. The committee is in support of the idea to start in January 2025.

- **Firing Range Discussion –**  
Chief Swinford was asked by our firearm instructors if an area behind the new Public Works building could be used as a firing range. Currently the department uses a firing range in Peotone. No equipment can be stored there and on duty officers cannot use it since it is out of town. The design needs to be safe for all surrounding properties. Dirt could be moved from any village project, and we could accept dirt from contractors to build the berm. Trustee Gesky suggested the department look at Exline Sportsman’s Club for ideas and Trustee Boyce also suggested looking at Elwood.
- **Personnel Update –**
  - Officer Mrazek will complete his PTI training in December.
  - Animal Control Officer is still in physical therapy
- **Radio Update -**  
Radios will be programmed by KanCom. The old radios will be declared surplus.
- **Misc:** The Comcast line went down last week, and it took the phone system off-line. Chief Swinford spoke to our IT person, and he recommends that we get a back-up modem with Verizon to allow all departments to have phones.
- **Damage/Vandalism Recap –** See attached spreadsheet.

A motion by Trustee Boyce and seconded by Trustee Dole to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 a.m. Voice vote – all ayes.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Darla Hurley, Deputy Village Clerk*

*The meeting was audio recorded.*