

**Committee of the Whole  
Public Safety Committee**  
Wednesday, December 13, 2023  
7:00 a.m.  
Village Board Room

**Attendance**

<b>Committee Members:</b>	
Timothy Nugent, Mayor	
Timothy Boyce, Trustee	X
Todd Crockett, Trustee	X
Diane Dole, Trustee	X
Joel Gesky, Trustee	X
Sam Martin, Trustee	X
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
Ryan Marion, Building Official	X
Sheila Martin, Treasurer	X
Jakob Knox, Community Relations Dir	X
Robin Batka, Village Clerk	
Darla Hurley, Deputy Village Clerk	X

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

A motion was made by Trustee Crockett, seconded by Trustee Gesky, to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2023, as presented; motion carried by voice vote. All ayes, no nays.

**Public Participation:**

David Peterman, resident, and transportation safety specialist, addressed the committee. He is concerned about truck routes that will be used by Gotion plant. He asked that the committee seek professional help besides IDOT or Federal Highway personnel and consider restricting trucks to certain routes.

Bob Forsythe, resident, asked if the village has a list of chemicals that Gotion will be using.

**Items for Discussion:**

- **Significant Case Updates** – Chief Swinford stated that a suspect has been identified concerning the armed robbery at the Manteno Tobacco store on South Creek Drive. The incident is still under investigation. The vehicle has been identified and a seizure warrant is being prepared for the car. During the Christmas lighting, the department assisted on a call concerning a vehicle high jacked from Kankakee. The subjects fled into a field south of the village after crashing the car and our department used our drone to locate the subjects.
- **Monthly Stats** - See packet for details. There has been an increase in accidents and DUI's.

- **Personnel Update** –
  - Zachary Boeringa is continuing at PTI, with graduation next week.
  - Another officer is having a child in the next few days and will be out on leave with his wife and baby.
  - Officer Alex Broling will be retiring on January 5, 2024.
- **Radio Replacements** – Chief Swinford stated that the current portable radios will not be supported by Motorola on 1/1/24. Once a radio needs fixing it will become hard to get it repaired. New radios will cost approximately \$10,000 apiece. The department will need twenty-five radios and also chargers for the cars and offices. The total cost could be around \$250,000 - \$300,000. Chief Swinford stated that there is a lease plan, but he recommends buying all the same models at the same time instead of just purchasing five at a time. There is some value in trading in, but it is small compared to the cost of the radios. Chief Swinford stated that he wanted to bring the subject up for discussion and to prepare the committee for what will be needed in the future. He will continue to keep the committee informed and if there are questions, he can bring in Eric Boness with KanComm to answer the questions.
- **Damage/Vandalism Recap** – There were no new items added to the list. The village did receive insurance money for the truck that was stolen from the public works facility. The truck has not been found.

A motion by Trustee Martin and seconded by Trustee Boyce to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 a.m. Voice vote – all ayes.

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