

# Committee of the Whole Public Safety Committee

Monday, February 7, 2022

7:00 a.m.

Village Conference Room

## Attendance

<b>Committee Members:</b>	
Timothy Nugent, Mayor	X
Timothy Boyce, Trustee	X
Todd Crockett, Trustee	
Diane Dole, Trustee	X
Joel Gesky, Trustee	X
Sam Martin, Trustee	X
Wendell Phillips, Trustee	
<b>Other attendees:</b>	
Chris LaRocque, Village Administrator	X
Jim Hanley, Supt of Public Works	X
Al Swinford, Chief of Police	X
Zairius West, Stolen Auto Task Force	X
Ryan Marion, Building Official	X
Sarah Marion, Marketing Director	
Sheila Martin, Treasurer	X
Darla Hurley, Deputy Village Clerk	X

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

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

No Public Participation

## Items for Discussion:

- **Stolen Auto Task Force** – Officer Zairius West, who is assigned to this task force from our department, was present to give an overview of what the task force handled in 2021. There are two offices, one in Kankakee County and one in Will County. Officer West stated that the task force handles the cases from start to finish, no matter what crimes may be involved. A case will start with a stolen auto, but if other types of crimes are also committed in multiple jurisdictions the task force works the whole case. Chief Swinford stated that the task force is funded by a \$1 surcharge on vehicle insurance policies.

A question was asked about the reprogramming of key fobs to gain access to vehicles so that they can be stolen. Officer West stated that there is very little that a person can do to stop the reprogramming of the fobs.

Officer West exited the meeting.

- **Monthly Stats** – Chief Swinford stated that with the new officers finished with their FTO, ticket numbers have increased.

- **Camera Updates** – Cameras on I-57 has been replaced and updated. Mr. Marion is still working with Dunkin to have cameras at their new building. More Counties and Municipalities are using the Flock system which increases the number of cameras available to all jurisdictions that participate with Flock. Chief Swinford stated the Illinois State Police is also installing more LPR cameras.
- **Personnel Update** – Chief Swinford stated that Officer Sinadinos will be completing her FTO in the next week or so. All officers are doing well.
- **Snow Event** – Chief Swinford purchased a tow strap to allow officers to pull vehicles out of the snow piles in the streets. Chief Swinford will look into training and policy for using the tow strap. Chief Swinford would like to have a discussion about changing the snow ordinance to make it simple. The ordinance could state that no parking is allowed on streets after a 2- or 3-inch snowfall. Mr. Hanley will check ordinances from other jurisdictions. Chief Swinford stated the odd and even ordinance is hard to remember and to follow. Officers spend quite a bit of time tagging cars and getting them to move. Trustee Gesky agreed that our ordinance is hard to understand. Mr. LaRocque stated that if we got half of residents who park on the street to get their vehicles to move would be very helpful.

A motion by Trustee Boyce and seconded by Trustee Martin to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 a.m. Voice vote – all ayes.

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