

**Committee of the Whole
Public Safety Committee**

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

7:00 a.m.

Village Board Room

Attendance

Committee Members:	
Timothy Nugent, Mayor	X
Timothy Boyce, Trustee	X
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
Sheila Martin, Treasurer	X
Jakob Knox, Community Relations Dir	X
Robin Batka, Village Clerk	
Darla Hurley, Deputy Village Clerk	

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

A motion made by Trustee Gesky, seconded by Trustee Boyce, to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2024, as presented; motion carried by voice vote. All ayes, no nays.

Public Participation:

Annettee LaMore – Plan Commission meeting and County Board meeting

David Kuiken – County Board meeting, handicap parking spaces and against Gotion

Items for Discussion:

- **Spring Showcase** - Jakob Knox presented a new event called the Spring Showcase. The event is an all-day event that was created for the public to come together and immerse themselves in the arts and all thing Spring. The event would offer and blend of free and paid opportunities for attendees. The event is scheduled for 5/5/25 from 11:00 am – 5:00 pm at Copelands on Main Street and in the alley behind Copelands. Whitmore Ace will partner with Copelands to create a Garden Show. There will be no food trucks available – the public will be encouraged to use the local brick and mortar stores. All Chamber members will be invited to participate.
- **Significant Case Updates** – Chief Swinford stated that there were 2 different incidents that involved guns on Main Street during the month of February. Both incidents were outside of Back Forty. Mr. LaRocque sent the owner of Back Forty a warning letter about the incidents and that it could jeopardize their liquor license. They were instructed that they could reach out to the Police Department concerning options to stop this type of activity.

- **Monthly Stats** - See packet for details.
- **Radio Replacement Update** – Chief Swinford stated that the department has 2 sample radios that are being tested. Purchase of the radios will not take place until later in 2024.
- **Personnel Update** –
 - Officers participated in Polar Plunge for Special Olympics
 - Coffee with a Cop at Wendy’s
 - Sgt. Berns retired
 - Met with Police Commission to start testing for new hire list
 - Have a possible lateral hire – interviews and testing have been completed.
 - Det West was promoted to Sgt. and the Detective position will not be filled at this time.
- **Damage/Vandalism Recap** – One incident was added to the spreadsheet, there was damage to bathrooms at Legacy Park. Individuals have not been identified yet even with video.

A motion by Trustee Martin and seconded by Mayor Nugent to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 a.m. Voice vote – all ayes.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sheila Martin, and typed by Darla Hurley, Deputy Village Clerk

Meeting was audio recorded.