**Committee of the Whole**

**Public Safety Committee**

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

7:00 a.m.

Village Conference Room

**Attendance**

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| **Committee Members:** |  |
| 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 | 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, Event Coordinator | X |
| Sheila Martin, Treasurer | X |
| Officer Aaron Tobeck | 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 Phillips, to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2021 as presented; motion carried by voice vote. All ayes, no nays.

No Public Participation

**Items for Discussion:**

* **SRO Renewal** – Officer Aaron Tobeck, School Resource Officer, was present to give a brief overview of the program. The three-year agreement is set to expire in August. Chief Swinford feels that the program is a great success. Officer Tobeck will be meeting with school officials, the police department and the fire department on May 18th concerning any issues. One concern for Officer Tobeck is the use of body cameras. The school has spoken to their legal counsel. The legal counsel is not in favor of the use of body cameras in the school unless the officer is doing law enforcement duties. Officer Tobeck stated that this would be hard to predict as to when something may turn into a law enforcement duty.

Officer Tobeck would like to discuss with school officials a uniform change. At this time the school district prefers Officer Tobeck to be in street clothes, but there may be some situations where the use of a ballistic vest is needed. Officer Tobeck spoke of one incident where he was doing a home visitation check and sitting on the couch of the home was an individual with three felony warrants and had just stolen a truck. Officer Tobeck will discuss these items at the meeting on May 18th.

Officer Tobeck stated that the three years had very few major issues. Mental health issues are prevalent in all three schools. Officer Tobeck stated that the school has developed a threat assessment plan. All students will be treated the same. A set of questions will be asked to evaluate each situation and then a plan of action will be implemented based on the answers to those questions.

Officer Tobeck stays busy with presentations, staff absences and specific requests by each school or staff. Officer Tobeck would like to have more training in mental illness and de-escalation of situations. The school district would like to renew the agreement for another three years.

* **Significant Case Updates -** 
  + A stolen vehicle that was taken a few days ago was recovered in the suburbs. It was a local individual that was charged with the thief.
  + A couple of young adults, who had reported finding a cell phone at the Square, tried to sell the phone at a drop off site in Wal-Mart.
* **Camera Updates:**  Chief Swinford stated that camera coverage is expanding. Cameras are now at National City Bank on South Creek Drive. Cameras will be also available at Heritage Park when Comcast finishes the install of internet access. There will also be cameras on the outside of the Manteno Sportsman’s Club. Mr. Marion and Sgt. Prophet are working on a map to show coverage of all cameras. Whitmore Ace Hardware installed a camera system and have given the department full access. Mr. Marion has talked to Chad Nugent about cameras on his building on East Division that he is going to rehab. Mr. Marion will also talk to Dunkin when they start preparing their building design plans. Chief Swinford would like to see cameras northbound on Route 50. Mr. LaRocque commended Mr. Marion on stepping up and working on the technology end of camera systems.
* **Drone Purchase –** Chief Swinford stated that the drone the department wanted to purchase is out of stock.
* **Auto-Theft Detail/Grant Update –** Chief Swinford will be completing interviews on all officers who expressed interest in the position. The grant will be officially approved today with the position to start July 1st.
* **New Hire Update –** The background is being completed and the candidate will be undergoing the polygraph and psychological tests. Academies are full at this time, but the time requirement to get the candidate certified will be extended from six months to one year.

A motion by Mayor Nugent and seconded by Trustee Boyce to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 a.m. Voice vote – all ayes.

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