

Committee of the Whole Public Safety Committee

Wednesday, June 9, 2021

7:00 a.m.

Village Conference 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
Sarah Marion, Event Coordinator	X
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 Trustee Boyce, seconded by Trustee Dole, to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2021 as presented; motion carried by voice vote. All ayes, no nays.

No Public Participation

Items for Discussion:

- **Police Reform Trailer Bill** – Chief Swinford gave a brief summary (see sheet attached) of the police reform trailer bill that was approved in the Illinois Legislature and is waiting the governor’s signature. Some issues were an improvement, some major issues were deferred, and some major issues were not addressed.
- **Child Network Donation** – Chief Swinford stated that this agency primary purpose is to interview children. Their funding used to come from traffic ticket fees. This funding was eliminated. A donation was requested in the past and village had agreed to a donation then. The Chief had held the donation to see if other agencies would also donate. Child Network never asked for the donation approved from the past, but now they are asking again. Chief Swinford has the donation budgeted and would like to donate the \$3000 to them. Chief Swinford stated they use the agency for every child interview.
- **Camera System Update** – Chief Swinford stated that they cameras are used almost everyday to help with many incidents. The cameras were used to identify a hit and run vehicle. The next area that needs coverage is near Wendy’s and Subway. The new cameras in Heritage are operational along with the National City cameras.

- **Drone Update** – There is no update, still not available for purchase.
- **Stolen Auto Task Force** – Officer Zairius West was chosen for the position. A new officer, Jacob Nelson, was sworn in on Monday to replace the open position.
- **Community Service Options** – Chief Swinford would like to find some options that would allow for offenders to do some sort of community service along with a fine. The problem is finding options that do not require supervision. Chief Swinford will continue to investigate options.
- **Personnel Update** – Officer Spears has resigned effective 6/30/21. The next candidate on the list was offered a conditional offer of employment. If all testing is completed his start date will be 7/1/21. Academy spots are hard to come by as lots of departments are hiring around the state. The village has 2 spots reserved for January and are on waiting lists for several other training academies.
- **Jumping Pillow Update** – Chief Swinford reported that with the rule change on who and when individuals can jump there have been no reported incidents or problems. The rule change is working well. The situation will continue to be monitored, but at this time the hours and height restrictions will remain in place. Mr. LaRocque will respond to the resident who had come to address the Board at their meeting on June 7th.

Sarah Marion exited the meeting at 7:20 a.m.

- **Speed Bump Requests** – Chief Swinford stated that he and the Public Works Department have received requests for speed bumps on Meadow Path and on North Main Street from 3rd to the Sportsman’s Club. The requested streets do not meet the criteria that was set a few years ago. It was suggested that the police department run some extra police patrols in the area.
- **Videos** – Chief Swinford showed some videos from the camera system that helped solve some incidents. The first was of a semi who damaged a pole while turning around in a private parking lot. The second video showed a gentleman contacting police about a stolen saw and in watching the video along with body cam video it was found that the saw was stolen by a fellow co-worker. The last video was a mental health call from an officer’s body cam. Most of these incidents would not have been solved with out the assistance of the cameras.

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by Darla Hurley, Deputy Village Clerk