

Committee of the Whole Public Safety Committee

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

7:00 a.m.

Village Board Room

Attendance

Committee Members:	
Timothy Nugent, Mayor	X
Timothy Boyce, Trustee	X
Todd Crockett, Trustee	
Diane Dole, Trustee	X
Joel Gesky, Trustee	X
CJ Boudreau, 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
Sheila Martin, Treasurer	X
Jakob Knox, Community Relations Dir	X
Bruce Hill, HR Green	X
Darla Hurley, Deputy Village Clerk	X

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

A motion made by Trustee Gesky, seconded by Trustee Boudreau, to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2024, as presented; motion carried by voice vote. All ayes, no nays.

Public Participation: Annette LaMore addressed the committee concerning First Amendment rights and Oktoberfest parade, America businesses, Gotion building a hotel, China is our enemy and keep Manteno safe.

Items for Discussion:

- **Significant Case Updates (see packet)**– Chief Swinford stated that the department was very busy in June/July with calls .
 - Had four stalking cases in the last four months
 - Had an Aggravated Domestic assault found via cameras – offender fled to Tennessee
- **Monthly Stats** - See packet for details.
- **Personnel Update** –
 - New officer Jeremy Mrazek starts PTI on September 3, 2024.
 - Officer Spengler is certified and on patrol now
 - Had two officers assigned through ILEAS participated in RNC & DNC
- **Damage/Vandalism Recap** – see list.

- **School Resource Officer (SRO) Contract renewal** – Our contract with the Manteno School District expired in July. The school and department would like to renew the contract for another three years. Trustee Gesky asked if language is in the contract that if we are short staffed we can pull that officer back to our department. Mr. LaRocque stated that that language is in the contract. The primary duty of the officer is to MPD. Trustee Boudreau stated that having an SRO is a great community builder and has been beneficial in the school district. The renewal of the contract will be placed on the September 3rd agenda.
- **Radio Replacement Quote** – Chief Swinford presented a quote for the cost of radio replacements. Current radios are no longer supported by Motorola, they work but if they break they could not be fixed. The cost would be \$375,306.15. Trustee Gesky asked about a lease agreement. Chief Swinford will ask about this option and bring back information at next meeting. Mr. LaRocque stated that the cost is below the amount that was budgeted for the replacements. The old radios could be sold to other agencies. The Public Works department might take a few for use in their department. There are no grants available for purchase.
- **Public Camping Ordinance** – Chief Swinford presented an ordinance concerning camping on public property. Chief Swinford stated this came about due to homeless people or protestors camping on public property. There was a Supreme Court case that gives municipalities authority to regulate this type of issue. This would be a tool for the police department. Kankakee City does have an ordinance that included private property. Chief Swinford will obtain a copy of the ordinance. Their ordinance does not prohibit residents from camping in their backyard with their family. Illinois Municipal League (IML) provided a sample ordinance. The village attorney will be contacted about the ordinance and whether private property could be added to the ordinance.

Trustee Dole addressed Ms. LaMore’s comments during the public comment section. Trustee Dole stated that the concerns of the chemicals use and route for the Gotion plant were addressed at the public hearing that was held at the school in December of 2023. Trustee Dole suggested that Ms. LaMore obtain a copy of the transcript.

A motion by Trustee Boudreau and seconded by Trustee Boyce to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 a.m. Voice vote – all ayes.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Darla Hurley, Deputy Village Clerk

Meeting was audio recorded.