

## Committee of the Whole

Public Safety Committee  
Wednesday, April 11, 2018  
7:00 a.m.  
Village Conference Room

### Attendance

<b>Committee Members:</b>	
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
<b>Other attendees:</b>	
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	
Janice Schulteis, Resource Mgr.	X
Sheila Martin, Treasurer	X
Geoff Aggen, Tyson Engineering	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 Gesky, seconded by Trustee Martin, to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2018 meeting as written; motion carried by voice vote. All ayes, no nays.

There was no Public Participation

### Items for Discussion:

- Lieutenant/Sergeant Promotions – Chief Swinford would like to recommend a promotion of a Sergeant to the Lieutenant position. Currently the department has four sergeants, even though they each have different years of experience, they are equal in rank. This does not make the senior sergeant the other sergeant's supervisor. Having a Lieutenant would allow for a clearly defined chain of command for administrative purposes and would serve as the next person in charge in the absence of the Chief. The next officer on the promotion list is Sgt. Lockwood.

Two big areas that can lead to the department being sued are: failure to train and failure to supervise. The Lieutenant would give more structure to the department.

The promotion would not create a position that would need to be filled by a hire. The position does have an increase in salary (\$5000) and the position becomes salaried instead of hourly. The position has been provided for in the FY 18-19 budget.

The Lieutenant position would not take person off the street, the position would fill in on patrol if needed.

The consensus of the committee is to move forward with the promotion of the Lieutenant. The promotion of another Sergeant will continued to be reviewed and the Chief will determine when that position needs to be filled.

- **Civil Suit** – Country Inn and Suites is being sued concerning a death that occurred at the hotel. Three of our officers are being subpoena for a disposition in the civil suit. Chief Swinford was concerned that the village may be brought into the civil suit. The Village Attorney was contacted, after his review of the case; the statute of limitations has run out, so the village cannot be added to the suit.
- **Misc. -**
  - A speeding detail has continued on Sycamore Street. The department has written a few tickets. The county is also running a speeding detail on South Sycamore and they have also written tickets. The department is keeping a log of all vehicles they observe.

A motion by Trustee Nugent and seconded by Trustee Boyce, to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 a.m. Voice vote – all ayes.

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