

**Committee of the Whole  
Public Safety Committee**

Wednesday, August 14, 2019

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	
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	X
Sheila Martin, Treasurer	X
Geoff Aggen, Tyson Engineering	
Darla Hurley, Deputy Village Clerk	X

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

A motion was made by Trustee Dole, seconded by Trustee Phillips, to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2019 as presented; motion carried by voice vote. All ayes, no nays.

**Public Participation:** None

**Items for Discussion:**

- **New Vehicle Discussion** – Chief Swinford presented a breakdown of potential police vehicles, Ford and Dodge. Chief Swinford stated that trade-in value on the Dodge vehicles is several thousand below the Ford vehicles and purchasing a Dodge would take business away from our local dealer. Chief Swinford would be ok with either brand. Mayor Nugent would like to see the business stay local with the state bid price even though the purchase price for a Ford is a little higher. Chief Swinford stated that all repair work would need to be done at a Dodge dealership which would also require more travel time for personnel. It was recommended to stay with the Ford vehicles and approve the purchase of two (2) Ford pick-ups at the next village board meeting. The trucks can be ordered but will not be delivered until November or later.
- **Cannabis Ordinance** – Mr. LaRocque asked that the Board consider what direction the village would like to move once recreational cannabis is legal in 2020. Location of dispensaries, if allowing, banning, taxing are all areas that will need discussions. The Village will need to also update the employee policies concerning the use of cannabis. Trustee Gesky stated the village could just follow the state regulations. Trustee Boyce stated that if we allow a dispensary in the village, we should tax it to the maximum. Trustee Dole would like to see the ordinance state that cannabis would not be allowed to be smoked in the parks as it impacts other people.

- **Light Duty** – Chief Swinford initially had wanted to discuss a possible change to the policy but after attending a seminar his recommendation is to continue the current policy due to the cost of overtime verses the reimbursement of the two-third costs. Ms. Hurley stated that only police officers are required to be paid a full salary while on worker’s compensation, so the village is reimbursed the two-thirds costs, however all other employees receive worker’s compensation directly (which is two-thirds of their normal salary). Ms. Hurley also stated that our village rates are affected by how many and how long employees stay on worker’s compensation. The longer an employee receives worker’s compensation the higher the rates go that the village pays. After some discussion, there will be no changes to the village’s light duty policy at this time.
- **Monthly Report** – Chief Swinford presented a monthly report that included a monthly squad car mileage report, list of significant incidents and the July 2019 Activity Report.
- **Misc.**– Chief Swinford would like to have every business in town have security cameras. Mr. Marion put on the overhead screen examples of some of the cameras that the police department have access to. Mayor Nugent would like to encourage new and current businesses to add or improve their cameras. Chief Swinford showed an in-car video of an arrestee who has some mental health issues. Chief Swinford stated that the incident shows the challenges police officers deal with even in our village.

A motion by Trustee Dole and seconded by Trustee Boyce, to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 a.m. Voice vote – all ayes.

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