

Village Of Brooklyn

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Safety Committee Minutes September 3, 2015

Members Present: Kyle Smith and Susan McCallum. Absent Zach Leavy. Also present Chief Harry Barger.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

No public comments.

S. McCallum moved to refer the August 6, 2015 minutes to the Village Board for approval as Z. Leavy is not present, 2nd by K. Smith. Motion carried.

Chief Barger reported that the issues with the New World/LERMS TraCS vs 10 are resolved. The following items were used; 8G Ram, Solid State Hard drive, external antenna (will be installing permanently), Outlook 365 from Clerk's office and IT using diagnostics determined data terminal was the issue. After this equipment, switch box, was replaced all appears to be functioning correctly. The issues created a higher than normal cell bill. A switch for our in-house computer has gone bad and a new one has been ordered. This switch helps to connect our systems and provide easy and quick access to programs. Currently everything is running slow until this is replaced.

Chief Barger reported that he and an officer were not able to duplicate the resident's issue regarding leaving a phone message. He contacted Charter and he is able to disconnect, without a technician, the old phones and install new phones that need to be purchased. When this happens, the voice message will be from current staff and messages will automatically transfer to the PD cell phone.

K. Smith said the Public Works committee was looking at alternate exits to Legion Park. He presented a draft diagram showing an exit onto Railroad St. This would require a relocation of the playground equipment. McCallum was concerned about lack of shade if it is moved to the West side of the tennis courts; she proposed that a small shelter could be built nearby until trees would grow. She will present the concept to the Recreation Committee for their input.

K. Smith reported that Public Works has been addressing the safety of the retention pond on Lincoln St. They have removed debris from the pond, posted no trespassing signs and will monitor. McCallum recounted past discussions about the pond draining, there is an outlet to the pond to the North that has been clogged and financially unfeasible to remedy.

Chief Barger is working to address citizen concerns regarding drivers not stopping on Rutland at Hwy 92. He contacted Pam Dunphy, head of the Dane County Highway Department, and Dan Truess of the DOT Traffic Section. DOT said the "cross traffic does not stop" signs on Rutland are the older version and they will change them to black lettering on a yellow background. The Police Department will continue to monitor the situation once installed.

The proposed budget presented by Chief Barger was reviewed; the Chief will not be replacing his safety vest even though it is expired. The committee requested Barger to itemize the equipment needed in the old squad as an addendum. Even though these items are being obtained for no charge from other agencies and via grants, they would like to include this with the budget proposal. Part-time wages were increased by \$778.22 or 13% based on \$20/hr. (wage/fringes) to cover local officer's coverage of Labor Day activities. If we were to consider part-time from outside the village it would be much more if we could get the help. Increase in telephone to include changing non-functioning voicemail to Charter. He will request to review phone charges before they are sent to finance in order to identify appropriate billing. The company we use for records management system is increasing its rates for our added capabilities and have been very responsive since we discussed leaving them in 2014. It would be possible in 2016 to notify

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them we are leaving as alternative CORE would guarantee a 10 yr. fixed costs contract. The proposed Capital Outlay items were reviewed: as of April 2016 our current Tasers are no longer serviceable, he will attempt to replace 2 this year with any leftover funds; the local EMS has experience with Secure Wireless Microphones which allow for communication when an officer is outside the squad, this item may go down in price if Dane Com comes on line; it was decided not to consider the defibrillator for the squad. The budget review included activity levels. Chief Barger was hired in 2009, that year calls went up 100%, and since then calls have increased approximately 60% for a total of 1091 in 2014 or an average of 90.9/month. We have surpassed that activity level so far in 2015 with 94.8/month.

K. Smith moved to approve Chief Barger's attendance at the LETOA (Law Enforcement Training Officers Association) conference September 9 – 11, 2015 (error on agenda it is September 16 – 18), 2nd by S. McCallum. Under discussion Smith asked if all three days will be under Barger's employee wages. Barger replied only Wednesday and Thursday. Motion carried.

Chief Barger reported that the community discussion regarding "Teen Underage Drinking/Drug Abuse" is scheduled for Tuesday September 22 at the Community Building. This event is sponsored by the Family Services Madison/PICADA. He will have the flier put on the website, in the newsletter and distributed at the school.

The current budget status was reviewed without questions.

The current work schedule was reviewed, during the Labor Day event Chief Barger will be on duty during the day and Officer Engelhart during evenings/night.

Chief Barger presented his report. The committee discussed the concerns from the Belleville Court Clerk regarding up to \$14,000 in outstanding fine payments which go back years, the tax intercept program, current on-line payments and the need for Brooklyn to expand the on line capabilities due to people wanting to use this feature and Belleville unable to accept our fines in this manner. McCallum will bring this issue to the Finance Committee.

K. Smith moved to adjourn at 7:35pm, 2nd by S. McCallum. Motion carried.