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Safety Committee Minutes September 29, 2015

Members Present: Kyle Smith and Susan McCallum. Absent Zach Leavy. Also present Chief Harry Barger, Sandy Ambrosius and Gwen Madsen (arrived at 6:15pm).

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Sandy Ambrosius addressed the committee regarding safety in the Village crosswalks. She had contacted the Clerk's office for guidance on process to communicate her concerns and was referred to Chief Barger and the committee. She recounted examples of times she was running in town and drivers did not stop when she was in the crosswalk such as; Hwy MM at Douglas Drive, Hwy 92 and Market and also concerns about children on their way to the school. She said the school stated crossing guards would be supplied by the village, and understands there are budget constraints which may not make this feasible. She suggested using the road signs that go in the street, which could be removed for snowfalls, or flags to carry when crossing. Gwen Madsen, speaking as a school board member, concurred that the children's safety should be a priority. McCallum said this item will be on the agenda for next month and Barger said he will communicate back with her in the coming months as to the resolution of the issue.

K. Smith moved to approve the September 3, 2015 minutes, 2nd by S. McCallum. Motion carried.

Chief Barger has discussed the parking issues at the school with the Public Works Director, as on street space has gotten reduced due to the construction and there is inconsistency between the posted no parking signs times. State statute is 7:30 am – 4:30pm but some say until 10pm. These are on the street adjacent to the school, Division St., from border to border of the school. He is suggesting posting the statute time 7:30 am – 4:00pm no parking from Second and Division Streets to the end of the school property at the West edge, on the school side of the street. The street is very narrow from Second St. to the school property. K. Smith felt that no parking at all times could be posted on the school side from Second St. to the school. Barger said currently there is temporary no parking but would require signs no parking 7:00am to 10:00pm. K. Smith suggested we define a linear distance in an ordinance. Barger will measure the distance on Monday and Ordinance Committee will address next week Tuesday.

Chief Barger reported that a router is to be mounted in the squad on October 10, in the office the failed switch and the solid state hard drive will be replaced October 13. At that point the Police Department system should be running the new TraCS version 10 program without issues. He will have updated costs when completed.

Chief Barger reported that after replacing the older phones they lost caller ID. A technician from Charter determined the old Avaya system was linked between the new phones and the Charter line. The Avaya system was bypassed and they are now functioning, using Charter phone service connected from the court's line. There is also one plug in the community room.

The new signs below the stop signs on Hwy MM at Hwy 92 have not yet been installed by the County.

S. McCallum stated that the Clerk wanted the committee to review the Event Policy/Application in regards to the directive to "During serving time at least one person serving shall have successfully completed a State of Wisconsin accredited Alcohol/Seller/Server course within the past two years or hold a Village of Brooklyn Operator's License." The Clerk informed her that this is not a requirement of state statutes regarding picnic license and operator's for that license. McCallum asked Barger to ask his network if any other community requires this or has an opinion, as the committee feels this is important. They reviewed a current event application and ordinance from New Glarus, the ordinance will be reviewed next week in Ordinance committee. Chief Barger

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presented a preliminary after action report regarding the Labor Day Event. He will be attending a follow-up meeting with the group next week.

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.

Chief Barger handed out an addendum for the budget outlining the equipment proposed to outfit the old squad, without budgeted monies, this will be shared with the board.

K. Smith moved to approve Chief Barger’s attendance at the International Association of Chiefs of Police conference October 26-28, 2nd by S. McCallum. Motion carried. Under discussion Barger stated the last time he went was five years ago, he will be paying for all expenses and the committee approved him using 3 of his Village shifts for the days attending.

Chief Barger and S. McCallum reported on the “Teen Underage Drinking/Drug Abuse” event is sponsored by the Family Services Madison/PICADA on September 22 in the community building. Barger, Officer Engelhart, McCallum, 3 people from the EMS and a woman who counsels kids in Oregon were in attendance. The presentation was very informative and they were wondering if there would be interest in Brooklyn forming a group to work on the issues. Barger said he put out an email to those present and did not get any response. McCallum felt the information presented could be distributed through the committee as informational. Barger said the department is planning to put rotating notices in the newsletter and these could be included. McCallum felt the PTO could be approached about involvement, Barger will follow-up with the Principal regarding the process to work with the PTO. He and Smith will bring this discussion to the October board meeting and McCallum will forward information to the Clerk.

The current budget status was reviewed without questions. It was noted that the General Expenditures line item for 2015 projected yr. end is still in error. K. Smith asked about part-time officer hours for 2016 and whether an additional officer will be hired. Barger stated yes that is the plan as we need additional weekend coverage.

The current work schedule was reviewed Barger stated that the new par-time officer is ready to work on his own.

Chief Barger did not have a report to present due to the earlier than normal meeting date. McCallum stated that he can present it to the board at the October meeting.

K. Smith moved to adjourn at 7:22pm, 2nd by S. McCallum. Motion carried.