

Public Safety Committee Meeting

January 5, 2017, 6:00 pm

- 1) **Silence all cell phones**
- 2) **Call to Order and roll call of Officers:** The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm by Committee Chair Gail Kowalkowski. Trustees present were: Kowalkowski, Pete Anzia, and Rose Sauers. A quorum was established. Also in attendance were Village Clerk Julie Lesar and DPW Superintendent Dan Birenbaum, Village Deputy Marshal Leon Anzia
- 3) **Open Meeting Law Compliance Check:** This meeting is in compliance with the Open Meetings Law of the State of Wisconsin.
- 4) **Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag, Moment of Silence:** All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.
- 5) **Approval of Minutes:**
 - a) **Public Safety Committee Meeting, December 8, 2016** – Motion made by Anzia and seconded by Sauers to approve December 8 minutes. Ayes – Kowalkowski, P. Anzia, and Sauers; Noes – none, Abstain – none. Motion carried.
- 6) Kowalkowski made a motion to have agenda item 6d discussed first. All members were in agreement to start with item 6d, discussion with Lieutenant Wayne Lambrecht from the Ozaukee County Sheriff's Department. The committee requested an explanation of the Ozaukee County Sheriff's patrol requirements for the Village of Belgium. P. Anzia requested information regarding the cost to the Village and the amount of hours spent on patrol in the Village by the Ozaukee County Sheriff's department. Lambrecht explained that the county is divided into patrol areas and a deputy is assigned to each patrol area. The time spent in the Village depends on when/if they are dispatched to cover a call. A routine patrol involves driving thru to patrol the area. The night patrol includes completing business checks and door checks. Lambrecht added that every patrol is different, not planned out. A deputy may be pulled from his regular patrol to serve as backup for another deputy. The village receives a monthly report from the Ozaukee County Sheriff department's Business Manager. The report does not list all violations that are addressed by the patrolling officers. Any violations that require anonymity of those involved are not listed. Kowalkowski asked if it is possible to include these violations without addresses listed so that the Village Marshal is at least aware of all types of violations that are occurring in the Village. Kowalkowski expressed the need to have communication between the Village Marshal and the Ozaukee County Sheriff. Lambrecht stated that they are always available for questions. He added that any citizen can request a ride-along in a patrol car. The registration to do this is available online. Kowalkowski asked for input from Lambrecht in regards to the Village Marshal position and suggested having the future Village Marshal participate in a patrol ride-along. Lambrecht suggested that the committee address why the candidates are leaving the position after a few months of employment and if the responsibilities equal the pay.
 - a) **Accept resignation of Village Marshal:** Kowalkowski made a motion to accept resignation of Cory Birchbauer as Village Marshal. Motion was seconded by P. Anzia. Ayes – Kowalkowski, P. Anzia, and Sauers; Noes – none; Abstain – none. Motion carried.
 - b) **Discussion and possible action regarding Village Marshal Position:** L. Anzia confirmed that he will be able to cover the Marshal duties, attend the Village Board Meetings and Public Safety Meeting in the interim. P. Anzia asked the committee if the Village needs both a Village & Deputy Marshal. Discussion continued regarding the need of two marshal employees to patrol the Village. P. Anzia suggested a six month trial period to have one person serve as Village Marshal. Discussion continued regarding the benefits of having a Marshal patrol presence in the Village to deter violations. Kowalkowski requested a vote of the committee regarding filling the Village Marshal position: Ayes – Kowalkowski, Sauers; Noes – P. Anzia; Abstain – none. Kowalkowski made a motion to request the Village Board fill the Village Marshal position. Motion was seconded by Sauers. Ayes – Kowalkowski, Sauers; Noes – P.

Anzia; Abstain – none. Motion carried.

- c) **Discuss and approve Village Marshal position description and advertisement for position and options for advertising for the position:** Kowalkowski shared other options to advertise the position: Wilenet, Concordia University, Cardinal Stritch, Lakeshore Technical Collage, Lakeland College and retired Law enforcement officers. The committee reviewed the previous advertisement and General Qualifications document. Kowalkowski stated that the position advertisement was updated with the revised number of hours per Marshal Job description recently passed by Village Board. Sauers made a motion to update the General Qualifications document to also list “Background in law enforcement is preferred but not required”. Motion was seconded by Kowalkowski. Ayes – Kowalkowski, Sauers; Noes – none; Abstain – P. Anzia. Motion carried. Kowalkowski will determine if there is a fee involved to post Village Marshal position on websites and at Universities or other options. The advertisement was reviewed. Kowalkowski made a motion to recommend to the Village Board to advertise for the Village Marshal in the Ozaukee Press with a deadline of February 28, 2017. Ayes – Kowalkowski, Sauers; Noes – none; Abstain – P. Anzia. Motion carried.
- 7) **Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn at 6:39 was made by Kowalkowski, seconded by Sauers. Ayes – Kowalkowski, Sauers, and P. Anzia; Noes – none; Abstain – none. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie D. Lesar
Village Clerk
Approved Public Safety Meeting 2-2-2017