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PERSONNEL AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING (Meehling/Blaies/Matchett/Miller) Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Trustee Mike Blaies called the meeting of the Personnel and Public Safety Committee to order on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Those present were Chairperson Lisa Meehling (absent), Trustee Mike Blaies, Trustee Ray Matchett, Trustee Dana Miller, Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard (absent), Trustee Tom Carpenter, Trustee Bob Kaiser, Village Attorney Fred Keck (absent), Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer, Public Works Director John Tolan, Village Engineer Tim Pruett (absent), Village Administrator Matt Trout and Office Manager Mary Downen. Guest present: Janet Baechle. There were no guests present via Zoom.

POLICE:

A. OLD BUSINESS:

Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer summarized the 113 calls since our last committee meeting.

Village Administrator Matt Trout stated the perception online is that we are not dealing with situations; however, we have been and there are public records how many times they have handled this situation. Mike added the calls that we do get, are a couple hours later after the incident has occurred.

Mike said the golf tournament is coming up on May 18th. We have 30 teams in the morning and 30 teams in the afternoon. Also, we have been selling tickets for the benefit this Saturday.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Police Department Secretary: Matt said the job was posted in The Freeburg Tribune last week and will run again this week. We have received some applications and once it closes, May 2nd, we will go through them.

PERSONNEL:

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of March 27, 2024 Minutes: Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to approve the March 27, 2024 Minutes, and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. Office Staff and Public Works Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Vacation: Nothing new.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Lifeguard Hire: Matt said this is earlier than normal but after these hires, we should be set for the year.

Trustee Dana Miller motioned to send to the full Board Gracie Mullins, Sophia Krebel, and Addison Jung be hired as lifeguards at \$14 per hour for the 2024 pool season, and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

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2. Leo Simburger's End of Probation: Matt said his probation ends May 1st and it is our recommendation to take him off probation. Trustee Tom Carpenter asked if he was solely an SRO. Mike responded that he also covers shifts when needed.

Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to recommend to the full Board Leo Simburger be taken off probation, and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

3. Mike Schutzenhofer's Request to Cash Out 40 Hours of Vacation Time:

Trustee Dana Miller motioned to recommend to the full Board Mike Schutzenhofer be paid 40 hours of vacation time, and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

Matt stated that Monday night the grade school voted to reenter into negotiations with us to try to renegotiate the SRO contract. They would like to go to a full time SRO. Dr. Brink came in on Tuesday with this request. The current contract has 1 more year left for the part-time SRO. A couple of things - do you want to renegotiate to go to a full-time SRO, what will the costs be and what does it mean for the police department. We can all agree that the safety of our students in our community is very important. Trustee Mike Blaies asked if we could staff. Matt responded we would need to add another officer. It isn't a simple decision as there is a lot that goes into it. He has some ideas and numbers but it is ultimately up to the Board.

B. GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

D. ADJOURN: *Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to adjourn at 6:20 p.m., and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Mary Downen
Office Manager