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## PERSONNEL AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING (Meehling/Blaies/Matchett/Miller) Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Chairperson Lisa Meehling called the meeting of the Personnel and Public Safety Committee to order on Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at 6:17 p.m. Those present were Chairperson Lisa Meehling, Trustee Mike Blaies, Trustee Ray Matchett, Trustee Dana Miller, Mayor Seth Speiser (absent), Village Clerk Jerry Menard, Trustee Tom Carpenter, Trustee Bob Kaiser, Village Attorney Fred Keck, Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer, Public Works Director John Tolan, Village Engineer Tim Pruett, Village Administrator Matt Trout and Office Manager Mary Downen. Guest present: Janet Baechle. There were no guests present via Zoom.

### POLICE:

#### A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. K9 Program: Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer said he reached out to the place in Pennsylvania that has the dog. They do have a 6-week training program that cost around \$17,000. Which would leave around \$5,000 in the fund. Chairperson Lisa Meehling asked what that includes. Mike responded it includes everything. He added that they have a training event during the summer which would be beneficial to us. Village Administrator Matt Trout expressed a couple of concerns he has and that he will look into. Other options were discussed. Lisa asked Mike to come back when he gets more answers as we need to get on a list. Trustee Carpenter asked after this what is the cost to have the dog. Matt responded it is typically the food and OT. BAC in Belleville takes care of the veterinary costs.

Mike summarized the 125 calls since our last meeting.

#### B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. LPR Cameras: Matt said this is the money from the Country Mart fundraiser, would allow us to get 3 cameras. Mike discussed the locations where the cameras would be located. There are about 288 LPR's in our area. We would be alerted if there is a wanted vehicle or a person of interest that needed to be stopped. Mike explained how the cameras worked.

*Trustee Dana Miller motioned to send to the full Board Proposal for the LPR Cameras in the amount of \$25,752.48, and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*

2. Police Officer Hire: Matt said everyone has a copy of all the applicants. They are confidential so when you are finished looking through them, please give back to Mike or Mary. He asked how they want to handle the hiring process and if they want a bigger presence. Typically, the last few years it has been him, Lisa and Mike. If we go over 2 trustees it would be a public meeting and we would have to hold an executive session meeting. Trustee Tom Carpenter commented he feels there should be a little bit more board presence. He does appreciate getting to look at the applicants before making a

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recommendation. Matt asked the board to review them and reach out to him or Mike with any opinions. When setting up the interviews, they will reach out to the board to see who is available.

**PERSONNEL:**

**A. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Approval of September 25, 2024 Minutes: *Trustee Mike Blaies motioned to approve the September 25, 2024 Minutes, and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*

**B. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Executive Session Minutes 5 ILCS, 120/2-(c)(21): Discussion on the process of approving content and opening or keeping closed executive session minutes.

**C. GENERAL CONCERNS:** None.

**D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

**E. ADJOURN:** *Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to adjourn at 6:55 p.m., and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Mary Downen  
Office Manager