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PERSONNEL AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
(Meehling/Blaies/Matchett/Miller)
Monday, November 17, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Trustee Lisa Meehling called the meeting of the Personnel and Public Safety Committee to order on Monday, November 17, 2025 at 6:34 p.m. Those present were Chairperson Lisa Meehling, Trustee Mike Blaies, Trustee Ray Matchett, Trustee Dana Miller, Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard, Trustee Tom Carpenter, Trustee Bob Kaiser, Village Attorney Fred Keck (absent), Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer, Public Works Director John Tolan, Village Engineer Tim Pruett, Village Administrator Matt Trout and Office Manager Mary Downen. Guest present: None. There were no guests present via Zoom.

POLICE:

A. OLD BUSINESS: Chief Mike Schutzenhofer said he met with the parishioners at St. Joe's Church and went over their plan and gave them more ideas and provided them with additional training. Chairperson Lisa Meehling asked for an update on the K9 enclosure. Chief Schutzenhofer responded they are just waiting on the electrician.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Chief Report: Chief Schutzenhofer summarized the 123 calls since the last meeting.

PERSONNEL:

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of October 29, 2025 Minutes: *Trustee Mike Blaies motioned to approve the October 29, 2025 Minutes, and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion.* All voting yea, the motion carried.

2. Crew Worker Position: Village Administrator Matt Trout stated we have received quite a few applications.

3. Public Works Director Position – Executive Session to Discuss Personnel, 5 ILCS 120/2-(c)1: Chairperson Meehling asked if an executive session is needed. Mayor Seth Speiser responded no, they have narrowed it down to 2 and plan to meet with them again next week.

Mayor Speiser asked where we are at with the leaf machine. Matt said he and Public Works Director John Tolan were not pleased with the way the company has handled the situation. He, John and Bob have talked to various people from the company and they are basically taking the approach that we need to turn it in to our insurance. John said on Friday they told him a service representative would be out on Monday to look at it and determine the cause so we would know what our next step would be; however, no one came out, they just decided the fire was caused by leaf buildup. Matt said they suggested we have it towed to Freightliner so we will set that up tomorrow.

B. NEW BUSINESS: None.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

E. ADJOURN: *Trustee Dana Miller motioned to adjourn at 6:51 p.m., and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion.* All voting yea, the motion carried.

Mary Downen
Office Manager