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PERSONNEL AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
(Meehling/Blaies/Matchett/Miller)
Wednesday, June 25, 2025 at 6:15 p.m.

Trustee Lisa Meehling called the meeting of the Personnel and Public Safety Committee to order on Wednesday, June 25, 2025 at 6:15 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 (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:

1. K9 Program: Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer stated Officer Hunter Borger is there and doing well. He gave an update on the kennel and said Officer Borger will return at the end of July.

2. SRO Contract: Village Administrator Matt Trout said the grade school passed it Monday night. He was told by the superintendent at the high school that she doesn't see any issues and they were going to pass it last week.

   Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to send to the full Board the Intergovernmental Agreement by and Between the Board of Education of Freburg Community Consolidated School District No. 70 and the Village of Freeburg for a School Resource Officer Program and for Police Coverage of After School Events and the Intergovernmental Agreement by and Between the Board of Education of Freeburg Community High School District #77 and the Village of Freeburg for a School Resource Officer Program and for Police Coverage of After School Events, and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

Matt said the final number from the golf fundraiser was $20,315.

Chief Schutzenhofer summarized the 95 calls since the last meeting.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Investigator Position: Matt said he, Chairperson Meehling, Chief Schutzenhofer and Mayor Speiser met last week and would like to have two investigators. This would allow us to have one on duty 7 days a week. In the contract there is no additional pay, just assignment. This is the direction we have talked about, needing more opportunity for advancement, and this will allow us to do that. It will also take work load off of Seargent Ruhmann and allow him to focus on leading and training.

PERSONNEL:
A. OLD BUSINESS:

VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE FIRST AND THIRD MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH

1. Approval of May 28, 2025 Minutes: *Trustee Dana Miller motioned to approve the May 28, 2025 Minutes, and Trustee Mike Blaies seconded the motion.* All voting yea, the motion carried.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Laura Gavin's End of Probation: Matt said her probation ended June 19th. She is a great asset to the department.

   Trustee Dana Miller motioned to send to the full Board to end Laura Gavin's Probation, and Trustee Mike Blaies seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

2. Lineman Position(s): Matt said this has closed and everyone has a copy of the seven that were interviewed. Matt, Chairperson Meehling, Trustee Blaies and Public Works Director John Tolan interviewed the seven candidates on Monday and Tuesday. He said if anyone would like to look at any/all the applications that were received, let him know. He said they have narrowed it down to four and they will do second interviews on Monday night.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

E. ADJOURN: *Trustee Dana Miller motioned to adjourn at 6:31 p.m., and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion.* All voting yea, the motion carried.

Mary Downen
Office Manager