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PERSONNEL AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING (Meehling/Blaies/Heap/Matchett) Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Chairperson Lisa Meehling called the meeting of the Personnel and Public Safety Committee to order on Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at 6:17 p.m. Those present were Chairperson Lisa Meehling, Trustee Mike Blaies, Trustee Mike Heap, Trustee Ray Matchett, Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard, Trustee Denise Albers, Trustee Bob Kaiser, Village Attorney Fred Keck, Chief Mike Schutzenhofer, Public Works Director John Tolan, Zoning Administrator Matt Trout, Village Administrator Tony Funderburg and Office Manager Julie Polson (absent). Guest present: Janet Baechle. There were no guests present via Zoom.

POLICE:

A. OLD BUSINESS: Chief Schutzenhofer advised the new hires are in place and working out well. We have put the patrol car that we were getting rid of in service, so each officer now has their own vehicle. He reported the accident on W. Apple turned fatal, and that will now be sent over to the State's Attorney's office to see if they will seek charges. With regard to Sheets' dogs, he had a meeting with the Director of Animal Control and Mr. Sheets, and he will be installing a fence soon. Chief Schutzenhofer said that he is making progress. He will be meeting with the other chiefs in October regarding the new legislation that will be effective next year. Village Administrator Tony Funderburg commented they are waiving bail for rapists and second-degree murderers and that puts the police officers in a very bad spot. Trustee Meehling asked if body cams are part of this legislation, and Chief advised yes, but we don't have to comply until 2025. He is working on getting prices from different vendors for the body cameras. The SROs are working out very well at both schools. A K-9 search was conducted today at the school and nothing was found. Chief Schutzenhofer provided a summary of all of the calls for assistance. Attorney Keck commented if Sheets is in the process of fixing the problem with his dogs, the State's Attorney and Judge will not be in favor of prosecuting the citations against him. We still have our ordinance violations we can proceed with, but Mike has taken the right approach working with Animal Control Department on this. Attorney Keck said with respect to the Safety Act and the legislation, there have been four northern Illinois counties that have filed lawsuits declaring that bill unconstitutional. There is huge pressure on the legislature to correct that.

B. NEW BUSINESS: None.

PERSONNEL:

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of August 24, 2022 Minutes: Trustee Mike Blaies motioned to approve the August 24, 2022 Minutes, and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Executive Session to Discuss Personnel, 5 ILCS 120-2(c)(1):

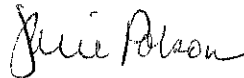
**EXECUTIVE SESSION
6:27 P.M.**

Trustee Mike Blaies motioned to enter Executive Session to Discuss Personnel, 5 ILCS 120/2-(c)(1), and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting aye, the motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED
6:39 P.M.**

Chairperson Meehling motioned to reconvene the regular session at 6:39 p.m.

- C. GENERAL CONCERNS:** Mayor Speiser attended the East-West Gateway and there will be some road projects going out for bid in St. Clair and Madison counties. Chairperson Meehling asked for volunteers at the Chili Cookoff.
- D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.
- E. ADJOURN:** *Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to adjourn at 6:43 p.m., and Trustee Mike Heap seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*



Julie Polson
Office Manager