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2 Minutes of the meeting of the
3 South Barrington Public Safety Committee
4 Thursday, March 7, 2013

5 Chairman Abbate called the Public Safety Committee meeting to order at 4:34 pm. Present:
6 Trustee Joe Abbate, Trustee Paula McCombie, and Trustee Steve Guranovich. Also present were
7 Chief Mike Deegan, Deputy Chief Ray Cordell, Village President Frank Munao, Trustee Bernie
8 Kerman and Trustee Louis Matuska.

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10 Trustee Guranovich motioned to accept the minutes of the July 5, 2012 regular meeting and
11 executive session as written. Seconded by Trustee McCombie, the motioned carried by voice
12 vote.

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14 FY13 Budget Discussion

15 The committee reviewed the preliminary proposed FY13 budget for the police department. They
16 analyzed each line item individually and compared the year-to-date numbers and the projected
17 numbers to the last three years' actual numbers. Noteworthy observations included the
18 following:

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20 Fuel expenditures are lower this year than last year.

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22 Police officers salaries are lower than expected due to the resignation of one officer earlier in the
23 year.

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25 Vehicle equipment was budgeted at \$50,000 and the entire amount will be spent updating the
26 new squads. Chief Deegan stated that new in-car computers were purchased this year and also
27 the new design of the squad cars is different from the old Crown Victoria models necessitating
28 modifications in the interior to make police equipment fit properly. The new squads are on a
29 Ford Taurus frame, which is smaller than the Crown Victoria frame.

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31 Trustee McCombie asked the chief how long they typically keep a squad car. The chief replied
32 that the average is about 70,000 miles. He stated that once a squad reaches that mileage, they
33 start to have much higher repair costs and it is beneficial to rotate the cars by 70,000 miles.
34 Trustee McCombie questioned if the new cars might be built to withstand higher mileage and
35 they would not be replaced until 100,000 miles or so. Chief Deegan stated that the squad cars run
36 24 hours each day and that much of that time they are idling. He stated that 70,000 miles on a
37 squad car is about the industry standard. He added that surrounding police departments also
38 rotate their squad cars at about 70,000 miles.

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40 Trustee Guranovich asked what the police department does with the old squad cars. Chief
41 responded that they are sold to the highest bidder. He stated that they usually get as many as
42 three bids on the cars. The last time they went out to bid, CarMax offered \$5000 for a used squad
43 car with 80,000 miles.

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46 Village Hall Renovation Update

47 Trustee Abbate updated the committee on the status of the renovation project at the village hall.
48 He stated that plans are to start the renovation downstairs first. Officers will work upstairs while
49 construction is underway and once completed, the entire police department (administration,
50 records and patrol) will move downstairs. Trustee Abbate stated that the logistics have not been
51 finalized yet and they are considering temporary storage containers outside to store files,
52 equipment and furniture. He also stated that they are considering setting up temporary police
53 offices off site, possibly at Willow Creek Church, the Park District or at the Arboretum but that
54 no final decisions have been made.

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56 Trustee McCombie asked the chief if there was anything in the renovation design plan that he
57 found in need of revision. The chief answered that the police department is in need of a
58 conference room, which is not currently in the plan. He also recommended an exhaust fan be
59 installed in the evidence room.

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61 Police Commission Update

62 Chief Deegan updated the committee on the activity of the police commission. One new part-
63 time officer was hired in December and he is currently in field training. The chief stated that the
64 police department is down one full-time officer as well as several part-time officers after having
65 hired two officers in 2012. The chief stated that Therese Cohen, Police Commission chair, is
66 running for Trustee in the April 2013 election and will likely win and a new police commissioner
67 will be appointed. He stated that the commission will wait for that appointment before
68 proceeding.

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70 Collective Bargaining Update

71 Chief Deegan informed the committee members that the negotiations between the Village and
72 the Patrol Officers' Union is at an impasse. At issue are two points, the first being a proposed
73 10% increase for officers enrolled in the HMO medical insurance, and the second is salary
74 increases for officers. The Village proposed 2% annually and the union wants 2.5%. Chief
75 Deegan stated that the negotiations are stalled and that it is possible that they will go to a federal
76 mediator.

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78 The committee discussed the issues facing the patrol officers. Trustee McCombie stated that the
79 finance committee has considered giving the non-bargaining employees a 2% pay raise effective
80 May of 2012.

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82 **NEW BUSINESS**

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84 Chief Deegan informed committee members that State Farm Insurance Company donated a
85 laptop computer to the police department. He remarked that it is an HP and works great. He
86 stated that he learned of the donation from the Illinois law enforcement training board and he
87 wrote State Farm a letter requesting the donation.

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89 Deputy Chief Cordell informed committee members that the lease is up on both the village and
90 police department copy machines on April 30. He stated that he has been working with Linda
91 Hooker researching new machines and interviewing vendors.

92 There being no more new business, Chairman Abbate called for a motion to Adjourn. Trustee
93 McCombie made the motion; Trustee Guranovich seconded; carried by voice vote. The meeting
94 adjourned at 5:28 pm.

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96 Respectfully submitted,
97 Mary Lampugnano, Recording Secretary
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100 These minutes were accepted on _____, 2013.
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