

1 Minutes of the meeting of the
2 South Barrington Public Safety Committee
3 Thursday, September 4, 2014
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5 Chairman Abbate called the Public Safety Committee meeting to order at 4:30 pm. Present:
6 Trustee Joe Abbate, Trustee Therese DeSerto-Cohen, and Trustee Steve Guranovich. A quorum
7 was present. Also present were Chief Tom Roman, Deputy Chief Ray Cordell, and Village
8 Trustee Bernie Kerman.

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10 Trustee Guranovich motioned to accept the minutes of the June 5, 2014 regular meeting as
11 written. Seconded by Trustee Abbate, the motioned carried by voice vote.

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13 There were no minutes from the July 3, 2014 meeting as there was no quorum and the meeting
14 was cancelled.

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16 Part-time Officer Selection Process. Chairman Abbate gave the floor to Chief Roman who
17 briefed the committee on the proposed revision of the recruiting and hiring process for part-time
18 police officers. Chief Roman stated that he is currently speaking with police commissioners
19 about the amending the process to allow part-time police officer applications to be accepted at
20 any time. The chief proposes abolishing the register for part-time officers. Under the chief's
21 proposal, applicants would first be phone interviewed by the police chief. If successful, the chief
22 will refer the applicant to the Police Commission for an interview. If approved by the Police
23 Commission, the applicant would, in turn, interview with the mayor and move forward to the
24 medical and psychological exam. Applications would be posted and remain indefinitely on the
25 Village website. Currently, the Police Commission accepts applications for only a specific period
26 of time and establishes a part-time officer register. Chief Roman stated that this proposed change
27 in the hiring procedure would apply only to *part-time* officer selection. He emphasized that the
28 full-time officer hiring protocol would not change. It will remain the current process of
29 advertisement, written testing, interview, background check, and the development of a full-time
30 officer register.

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32 Trustee Cohen stated that this was an interesting idea and, since the Village is home rule, there is
33 no requirement for a register. She stated that she would support these changes in hiring protocol.
34 Deputy Chief Cordell stated that this was the process that the Village used before the police
35 commission was formed.

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37 Trustee Cohen asked the chief where they are with the current applicants and the chief responded
38 that backgrounds are currently being conducted.

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40 Chairman Abbate stated that an ordinance has been drafted to make the necessary changes to the
41 rules and regulations of the Police Commission to effect the change in protocol for hiring part-
42 time police officers. Trustee Guranovich moved to accept the ordinance and recommend it to the
43 full Board of Trustees for approval. Trustee Cohen seconded and the motion carried by voice
44 vote.

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46 Squad Car Equipment. Chairman Abbate stated that 3 new squad cars were budgeted in the 14/15
47 fiscal year but that only two cars were purchased. One of the issues with the new squads is that
48 none of the equipment from the old squads will fit in the new cars. The chief presented a
49 breakdown of costs to equip one new squad car including lights, radar, laptop, video system,
50 radios and flashlight. The total cost is approximately \$23,000. The chairman stated that since
51 only two new squads were purchased instead of three, there is room in the current budget to
52 cover the costs of equipment.

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54 Trustee Cohen motioned to recommend to the full Board of Trustees to approve the squad
55 equipment expenditures as defined by Chief Roman in his August 29, 2014 memo not to exceed
56 \$25,000. Seconded by Trustee Guranovich, the motion carried by roll call vote.

57 Trustee Abbate yes
58 Trust Cohen yes
59 Trustee Guranovich yes

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61 Old Business

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63 Trustee Guranovich asked where the police department stood in the development of a bicycle
64 patrol. He stated that the program has merit especially with the development of the Arboretum.
65 Chief Roman stated that he would support a bike patrol that supplements our regular patrol but
66 not replace it. He also added that it is not in the budget for this year but he is researching the
67 costs and benefits for the future. He stated that there is one officer in particular who has
68 expressed interest in the bike patrol and he is currently researching the insurance costs to the
69 Village of a bike program.

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71 New Business

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73 Chairman Abbate updated committee members on the disability hearing for Officer Robert
74 Rycraft that was held last week. Trustee Abbate stated that Officer Rycraft has been placed on a
75 temporary, non-duty related disability until November 30, 2014.

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77 There being no further business, Chairman Abbate called for a motion to adjourn. Trustee
78 Guranovich motioned, and Trustee Cohen seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned
79 at 5:20 pm.

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82 Respectfully submitted,
83 Mary Lampugnano, Recording Secretary

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86 The September 4, 2014 minutes were accepted on _____, 2014.

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