

Minutes of the meeting of the  
South Barrington Public Safety Committee  
Thursday, March 5, 2015

Chairman Abbate called the Public Safety Committee meeting to order at 4:30 pm. Present: Trustee Joe Abbate and Trustee Steve Guranovich. Absent: Trustee Therese DeSerto-Cohen. A quorum was present. Also present were Chief Roman, Deputy Chief Cordell and Village Trustee Kerman.

Trustee Abbate motioned to accept the minutes of the February 5, 2015 meeting as written. Seconded by Trustee Guranovich, the motion carried by voice vote.

FY 15-16 Police Department Budget. Chairman Abbate briefed Trustee Guranovich on the budget discussion that took place at the March 5 meeting and included a review of the line items that were significantly changed from last year.

Trustee Guranovich asked why the proposal to purchase two new squad cars instead of three. Chief Roman responded that last year we increased the fleet by one car (we kept one of the squads we'd normally sell). With an eight patrol car fleet our replacement schedule will be two squad cars each year. The caveat to that plan is that the two replacements deal only with patrol cars and does not include the detective car or the chief's car. Those cars are not replaced as often as the patrol vehicles and typically are retained for about six years.

The committee discussed the increase in the budget for radios. This is because of the radio communication issues in the building. The radio signals are very poor in parts of the building. The department proposes to install two-way radios at particular locations in the station to facilitate radio communication.

Trustee Guranovich motioned to accept the proposed FY 2015-2016 police department budget and forward it for consideration by the full Board of Trustees. Seconded by Trustee Abbate; the motion carried by voice vote.

Personnel. Chief Roman stated that conditional offers of employment have been made to two full-time police officer applicants Paul Madej and Michael Lynch. Both are scheduled to have their medical physicals next week and take the POWER physical fitness test. If they pass, they will attend the next Academy at the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy at the College of DuPage which begins March 30. The chief added that both candidates have agreed to sign a reimbursement agreement with the Village stating that if they voluntarily leave within two years, they will be responsible for paying back some of the costs incurred by their training. Discussion took place about our part-time officer pool. Trustee Guranovich asked the chief how many part-time officers he would prefer to have. The chief stated that six part-time officers is workable and eight is ideal.

Chief Roman stated that they have hired a new records clerk and that she started this week. The position has been vacant since August 2014.

Citizen Satisfaction Survey. Discussion took place regarding the concept of developing a short survey that would be sent to a sample of South Barrington residents for feedback about the quality of service they received from the police department. Chief Roman stated that some sample questions might include:

“If you called 911, do you feel you were treated right?”

“If you were stopped by an SBPD officer, was the officer’s treatment courteous and professional?”

Chief Roman stated that he envisioned the survey to not only be for residents, but for anyone who has had police interaction. Discussion took place about conducting separate surveys for village residents and persons contacted by an officer. The chief will provide an update at the next meeting.

#### Old Business

Trustee Guranovich stated that he is still interested in seeing a bike patrol in the Village and stated that the residents would enjoy it. Discussion took place about the value of a bike patrol in areas such as the Arboretum and Conservancy areas. Chief Roman stated that right now we know of only one officer who is interested in bike patrol but hopes we will identify more. Concerns about officer injuries and increasing liability insurance rates were discussed. Chief Roman will look into what other municipalities have and report back to the committee.

#### New Business

None.

Trustee Guranovich motioned, and Trustee Abbate seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Lampugnano, Recording Secretary

The March 5, 2015 minutes were accepted on May 7, 2015.