

Minutes of the meeting of the
South Barrington Public Safety Committee
Thursday, August 6, 2015

Chairman Abbate called the Public Safety Committee meeting to order at 6:05 pm. Present: Trustee Joe Abbate and Trustee Steve Guranovich. Absent: Trustee Therese DeSerto-Cohen. A quorum was present. Also present were Chief Roman, Sergeant Parma, and Village President Paula McCombie.

Trustee Abbate motioned to accept the minutes of the July 2, 2015 meeting as written. Seconded by Trustee Guranovich; the motion carried by voice vote.

Chief Roman introduced Sergeant Sam Parma to the committee and stated that Sam was invited to the meeting because he will be managing police vehicles and is also organizing the citizen survey. Both items are on this meeting's agenda. The chief stated that he will likely invite other sergeants to future meetings when the agenda items correspond to their ancillary duties.

Police Squad Purchases. The committee discussed the purchase of new squad cars for the fleet. Chief Roman stated that the Village had budgeted for three new squads this year but they are only planning on replacing two of them.

The committee discussed the average length of time that police squads are kept in service. President McCombie stated that she read that the average life of a police squad is eleven years. Trustees debated the merits and pitfalls of holding on to squad cars for longer periods of time. Trustee Guranovich stated that the longer we keep them, the cost of repair is increased and when we do sell them, the price that we can get goes down. Conversely, if we rotate the vehicles sooner, the Village has to incur replacement costs. The police department's current rotation is between four and five years on each vehicle with approximately 75,000 miles on them. This is usually, but not always, the case. Some vehicles have performed better than others and were kept longer. Others had high repair costs and were sold sooner. Case in point is our current detective car. We recently had over \$1700 in repair costs to the electrical system.

President McCombie is interested in looking at the depreciation levels of our fleet as well as the maintenance and repair costs that we have incurred. She stated that they will be better able to make decisions in the future with that information. She also asked for information from the manufacturer not only about the miles that are on each squad but also the hours that are on the engines. Chief Roman agreed and Sergeant Parma will research it. Additionally he will research the manufacturer warrantee and whether it is transferable if we sell the vehicle. He will also price out the extended warrantee offered.

Chief Roman requested that he be allowed to replace our two oldest squads, Crown Victoria sedans—one with 85,000 miles and the other with 79,000 miles—and purchase two 2016 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor SUVs with 4-wheel drive option. Trustee Guranovich motioned to approve and bring for consideration by the full Board of Trustees the purchase of two 2016 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor SUVs with 4-wheel drive option at the contracted price of \$26,309 each. Seconded by Trustee Abbate, the motion carried by roll call vote.

Trustee Abbate yes

Trustee Guranovich yes

49 As an aside, the committee discussed trading in the Village emergency management vehicle for a
50 new vehicle. Wickstrom Ford offered a \$12,000 trade-in value for the vehicle.

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52 OLD BUSINESS

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54 Personnel Updates. Chief Roman updated the committee members on the following personnel
55 issues.

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57 1. Officer Mickey Walsh was injured while undergoing bicycle training for our newly
58 formed bike patrol program. The injury was minor. Mickey sprained his shoulder and is
59 expected to make a full recovery.
- 60 2. Detective Jeff Lang is settling well into his new responsibilities as sergeant.
- 61 3. Probationary Officer Lynch is progressing well through field training. Officer Madej is
62 not progressing as quickly mostly due to language difficulties (English is his second
63 language).
- 64 4. John Macchitelli and Mike Ornelas began the basic academy at SLEA on July 6 and the
65 academy reports that they are doing well.
- 66 5. The detective position is currently vacant. Next month Chief Roman will announce the
67 selection process procedures to officers. The chief explained that he is waiting to fill the
68 detective spot because we are short staffed. Once all four new officers are trained we will
69 be able to move one officer into the detective position.

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71 Customer Service Survey Update. Chief Roman distributed several samples of customer service
72 surveys that were done by other police departments around the country. He asked trustees to
73 review them and make comments or suggestions at the next meeting. He gave the floor to
74 Sergeant Parma who had developed a survey as part of his coursework to earn his master's
75 degree, and who will head up the survey for us should the trustees give consent to move ahead
76 with it. Sergeant Parma addressed the committee and briefed them about the citizen survey that
77 he had completed. For our purposes, he suggested that two surveys be developed, one for
78 residents and businesses; and the other for 'customers' who have had contact with the police
79 department.

80 The customer service survey was tabled until the next meeting.

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82 NEW BUSINESS

83 None.

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85 Trustee Guranovich motioned, and Trustee Abbate seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting
86 adjourned at 7:04 pm.

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88 Respectfully submitted,
89 Mary Lampugnano, Recording Secretary

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91 The August 6, 2015 minutes were accepted on September 3, 2015.

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