

Minutes of the meeting of the
South Barrington Public Safety Committee
Thursday, October 1, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Abbate called the Public Safety Committee meeting to order at 4:50 pm. Present: Trustee Joe Abbate and Trustee Steve Guranovich. Absent: Trustee Therese DeSerto-Cohen. A quorum was present. Also present were Chief Roman, Village Trustee Bernie Kerman and Village Trustee Anthony Stagno.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Guranovich motioned to accept the minutes of the September 3, 2015 meeting as written. Seconded by Trustee Abbate; the motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Squad Car Maintenance and Repair History. The chief stated that he came across a scoring system that Naperville uses to rate the condition and value of their vehicle fleet. Based on six factors—age, usage, type of service, reliability, condition, and repair costs—the vehicles are scored from Condition 1 (the highest) to Condition V (the poorest). Chief Roman stated that this scoring system might work well for South Barrington and that they will try it out. The chief added that this is in an effort to make a more educated decision about when to replace vehicles in lieu of just basing those decisions on age and mileage alone. He said that it can certainly be the case where one vehicle that is older and has more miles than another might still be in better shape. He added that sometimes we get a vehicle that is a “lemon” and does not live up to its expectations in condition or repairs costs.

Trustee Guranovich asked about the manufacturer’s extended warrantee and whether a decision had been made to purchase them on the new vehicles. Chief Roman is in favor of the warrantee and stated that the extended warrantee can be purchased any time before the vehicle acquires 36,000 miles. He is still trying to establish whether the warrantee is transferable.

The committee discussed GPS technology in the squad cars. Chief Roman stated that he wanted to make sure that patrol officers are making good use of their time and to make sure that all of the neighborhoods in the village are being patrolled. GPS technology is already installed in the in-car computers. Additionally, technology is available that will store information on the vehicle’s performance that can be informative.

Customer Service Survey Update. Chief Roman stated that Sergeant Parma is currently working on the survey and is incorporating the format that the committee favored. The chief will produce a final product for the committee before distributing it to residents.

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

- 48 1. Officer Cruz is currently working light duty after an injury suffered during an altercation
49 with a motorist at the end of May. He has been released by his doctor and will be back to
50 full-duty effective October 7th.
- 51 2. Officer Madej's field training has been extended. He remains on Step 2. Chief Roman
52 stated that the sergeants have taken over his field training.
- 53 3. John Macchitelli and Mike Ornelas have graduated from the police academy at SLEA
54 and are currently in field training. Officers Puralewski and Reznick will serve as their
55 field training officers.
- 56 4. Chief Roman received one application for the open detective's position. It came from
57 Officer Puralewski, who had applied for it last year. The chief stated that he will wait
58 until the new officers are trained before making the appointment to Investigations.
- 59 5. The Department now has seven (7) part-time police officers. They have been very helpful
60 while the department was short-staffed, working morning and afternoon hours. Chief
61 Roman stated that once we are adequately staffed, the part-time officers will resume
62 working evening and weekend hours to augment the patrol force.

63 Trustee Kerman asked about whether the chief is going to fill the deputy chief position and if
64 so, when. Chief Roman stated that he favored holding the spot open and waiting until the
65 department is full-staffed before making that decision. He stated that the extra time will help
66 him make a more informed decision about whether or not to fill the position.

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68 NEW BUSINESS

69 The committee discussed the FY16 budget and some ideas about how to better improve services
70 in our village. Chief Roman stated that 2 vehicles will be placed on the board agenda this month
71 and that he is currently assembling a training calendar for 2016 and will include it in his budget
72 proposal.

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74 Chief Roman stated that he hopes to develop more community outreach in the village and asked
75 trustees if there is anything specific that they want. One of the ways is to have more specialty
76 officers. He suggested an elder services officer, for example, which the department has never
77 had. The chief talked about ways to reach seniors in our community and suggested that
78 Blackboard Connect might be one way to accomplish that. It could be programed to make calls
79 to the house for well-being checks.

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81 Trustee Abbate stated that he would like to see the Homeowner's Association Liaison Officer
82 program more developed and maintained. He stated that it was a good program and residents
83 support it. He suggested a quarterly newsletter be sent to homeowners that includes information
84 on crime prevention and home security.

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86 Trustee Guranovich motioned, and Trustee Abbate seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting
87 adjourned at 5:40 pm.

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89 Respectfully submitted,
90 Mary Lampugnano, Recording Secretary

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92 The October 1, 2015 minutes were accepted on _____, 2015.