

Minutes of the meeting of the  
South Barrington Public Safety Committee  
Thursday, February 25, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

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 Village Trustee Bernie Kerman and Chief Roman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Guranovich motioned to accept the minutes of the January 21, 2016 meeting as written. Seconded by Trustee Abbate; the motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

Continuation of FY17 Budget Discussion. The Committee continued the discussion from last month concerning budget items for the FY16-17 budget. Chief Roman stated that the budget proposal has increased \$500 over the proposal he made at the last meeting, as he has been doing some revising for next year. The chief distributed an updated memo dated February 23 outlining his proposal.

In Professional Development, he stated that he is in the process of developing a specific training plan for all police department employees and wants to include a 40-hour crisis intervention class for all sworn officers. Police officers are often the first responder to people in crisis and Chief Roman believes this training to be vital.

In the Police Equipment line item, the chief decreased it by \$2,000 because he has removed the Lumen software purchase. This software was proposed as a solution to generate reports from the New World system. Chief Roman has since learned that QuadCom intends to purchase an updated version of the New World software that will include a module that is believed will accomplish the same task as the Lumen software.

Chief Roman increased the budget request in Radios from \$0 to \$2,500 explaining that we are experiencing a shortage of radios for part-time officers. Full-time officers are each assigned a radio. Part-time officers use a small number of hand-me-down radios that are the old radios formerly assigned to full-time officers before they were replaced some years ago. While we are currently working with QuadCom and other QuadCom agencies to determine a long-term radio solution, we need to address the part-time officer radio situation now.

The Committee reviewed the budget changes that the chief proposed. Trustee Guranovich motioned to forward the police department FY 2017 proposed budget to the Finance Committee for consideration. Seconded by Trustee Abbate; the motion carried by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

LESO Program. Trustee Guranovich asked the chief if the LESO (Law Enforcement Support Office) was no longer an option for acquiring military surplus supplies because of the stolen military rifles that were in the news. Chief Roman stated that the information he has received

states that the program is in “inventory mode” because of military equipment that is unaccounted for at a small number of agencies. The South Barrington Police Department currently has no equipment from this program. Chief Roman stated that LESO may resume normal operations in the next month or so.

Firearms Training. After the discussion at last month’s Public Safety meeting Chief Roman explained that the plan to conduct firearms training for officers off-duty is withdrawn. The training will take place right before, during or right after their shifts as has been our practice.

Personnel Updates. Chief Roman updated the committee members on personnel. Recruit Enrique Palacios is currently in the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy (SLEA). He is doing well and will graduate in March.

Squad Car Warranty. Chief Roman stated that we looked into third party warranties for the squad cars but they do not cover police cars, taxis and other severe service vehicles. If we choose to purchase an extended warranty we will have to buy it through a Ford dealer. The chief said that they the cost savings for increasing the deductible above our proposed \$100 deductible are minimal.

## NEW BUSINESS

Chief Roman distributed an updated house watch form. The new form is more comprehensive than the old one. Trustees discussed the house watch program. All house watches will continue to be checked up to once every other day for the first 14 days, workload permitting. After 14 days house watches will be checked up to once per week, workload permitting. Trustees directed that newspapers found outside residences on our house watch list be thrown away.

Trustee Abbate briefed committee members on the JETS Committee and QuadCom. He stated that QuadCom exceeds the industry standards for the number of rings before answering.

The Committee discussed the distraction caused by the light shining on the Penny Road Pub sign at the intersection of Rt. 59 and Penny Road. Chief Roman noted that we have seen an increase in the number of traffic crashes at this intersection.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Lampugnano, Recording Secretary

The February 25, 2016 minutes were accepted on \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.