

1 Minutes of the meeting of the
2 South Barrington Public Safety Committee
3 Tuesday, June 16, 2016
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5 CALL TO ORDER

6 Chairman Abbate called the Public Safety Committee meeting to order at 4:32 pm. Present:
7 Trustee Joe Abbate and Trustee Steve Guranovich. Absent: Trustee Therese DeSerto-Cohen. A
8 quorum was present. Also present were Village President Paula McCombie, Trustee Bernie
9 Kerman, Chief Tom Roman, and Sergeant Bryant Haniszewski.

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11 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

12 Trustee Guranovich motioned to accept the minutes of the April 21, 2016 regular meeting and
13 the May 17, 2016 meeting as written. Seconded by Trustee Abbate; the motion carried by voice
14 vote.

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16 PUBLIC COMMENTS

17 None.
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19 OLD BUSINESS

20 Personnel Updates. Chief Roman updated the Committee on the following personnel matters:

- 21 1. Officer Enrique Palacios continues to progress well in field training. Chief Roman
22 reported that Officer Palacios's time in Step II of the field training program was extended
23 to give him more time to build confidence.
- 24 2. Sergeant Bryant Haniszewski and Officer Scott Bialas remain on light duty. Officer
25 Bialas was injured on duty while Sgt. Haniszewski was injured off duty. They are both
26 expected to remain on light duty for a few more weeks and are expected to fully recover.
- 27 3. Chief Roman met with the part-time officers recently to explain the new part time officer
28 pay structure. Part time officers will earn \$20 per hour to start and \$22 per hour after the
29 first year of service. The chief also advised that the 20 hour per month requirement will
30 be reduced to a lesser amount to mirror our past practice. He assured trustees that we are
31 working very hard to stay within budget for part-time officers.
- 32 4. Chief Roman stated that the police officer mandatory retirement ordinance is still in
33 Village attorney review. The goal of the ordinance change is to allow part-time officers to
34 work past the age of 65. We currently have 1 part-time officer who will turn 65 in
35 September. He has asked if he may work up to one year past this 65th birthday. The
36 attorneys are drafting language that will accomplish this while protecting the Village
37 from age discrimination allegations.
- 38 5. The chief stated that the Village will be implementing a Health and Safety Committee
39 that will be comprised of both police and village personnel. Chief Roman is currently
40 working with Administrator Bob Palmer and IPRF to establish the committee. President
41 McCombie added that the committee will provide employees with information on
42 wellness clinics offered by the South Barrington Club.
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44 Demonstration of the Police Department Facebook Page. Chief Roman described how Sergeant
45 Bryant Haniszewski volunteered to facilitate a department Facebook page. Sgt. Haniszewski

46 provided a demonstration and showed some of the potential uses for the page. He stated that
47 Facebook may more effective than having HALO officers visit with the HOA meetings. Officers
48 and residents can communicate with each other via Facebook. We will be able to proactively
49 reach out to the community and even connect Facebook to our emergency communications
50 network Blackboard Connect. We will be able to advertise events sponsored by the Village or
51 police department. We will also be able to link to other websites including other police
52 departments.

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54 Trustee Abbate expressed concern about security of the Facebook page and how to keep hackers
55 at bay. Bryant stated that we have discretion about whether to accept postings from others.
56 President McCombie stated that she does not want any outside postings on the site, at least not in
57 the beginning. She favors testing the Facebook page to see how it goes.

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59 Trustee Guranovich motioned to publish the police department's Facebook page. Trustee Abbate
60 seconded that the motion carried by voice vote.

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62 NEW BUSINESS

63 Trees, Plants and Weeds Ordinance. Chief Roman suggested amending the Village ordinance to
64 make the enforcement of the overgrown grass and weeds the responsibility of the Village
65 building officer instead of the Chief of Police. Trustee Abbate directed Chief Roman to check
66 with the attorney to see if the building officer has legal authority to enforce the code and if so, he
67 has no objection. President McCombie agreed.

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69 Blackboard Connect. Chief Roman briefed the committee about the updates that are being made
70 to the Village's emergency communications system. He stated that Officer Bialas has tested the
71 phone numbers and email addresses and has weeded out old ones. He also stated that the text
72 message feature in the system has been discontinued because text messages are limited to 140
73 characters. This limitation does not permit us to send an effective message. President McCombie
74 suggested sending a message to all text message recipients informing them of the discontinuation
75 and offering them an alternative method of communication such as email or voicemail.

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77 Trustee Abbate motioned to allow the chief of police to remove text messaging from the Village
78 emergency communications system. Trustee Guranovich seconded and the motion carried via
79 voice vote.

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81 Overweight Truck Permits. Chief Roman noted outdates in the fee and fine structure in the
82 current Overweight Truck ordinance. He recommended updating the application fee and escort
83 fee from the current \$20 to \$100 and revising the fine structure. Trustee Guranovich motioned to
84 change the fees and fines of the Oversize & Overweight Ordinance; Trustee Abbate seconded;
85 motion carried by voice vote.

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87 Declare Detective Car Surplus. Chief Roman stated that the detective car is in disrepair and is
88 not worth repairing. Trustee Abbate motioned to declare the detective's car surplus and to direct
89 the chief of police to look for a buyer. Trustee Guranovich seconded; the motion carried by voice
90 vote.

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92 OTHER BUSINESS

93 None.

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95 Trustee Guranovich motioned, and Trustee Abbate seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting
96 adjourned at 5:52 pm.

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98 Respectfully submitted,
99 Mary Lampugnano, Recording Secretary

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101 The June 16, 2016 minutes were accepted on _____, 2016.