

Minutes of the meeting of the
South Barrington Public Safety Committee
Wednesday, August 31, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Abbate called the Public Safety Committee meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: Trustee Joe Abbate and Trustee Steve Guranovich. Absent: Trustee Therese DeSerto-Cohen. A quorum was present. Also present were Village President Paula McCombie, Trustee Bernie Kerman and Chief Tom Roman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

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

1. Officer Enrique Palacios continues to progress well in field training. Chief Roman reported that there have been some “bumps in the road” in that he was supposed to work with Sgt. Lopez for the last leg of his field training only Sgt. Lopez had an emergency appendectomy and was unable work. Officer Palacios continues field training with Sgt. Lang and is expected to be released to solo patrol soon.
2. As previously stated, Sgt. Lopez had an appendectomy on August 26. He is expected to be convalescing for several weeks.
3. Sergeant Bryant Haniszewski remains on light duty part-time and will remain in this status until November. He has begun taking benefit time for 20 hours per week and will work light duty 20 hours per week.
4. Records Clerk interviews will take place this week. Records Clerk Warkenthien will retire on September 30 and the chief hopes to have her replacement hired by that time. Chief Roman added that he would like to extend the hours of the Records Office till 6:00 pm.

Stop Sign at Back Bay and Witt Road. The Committee continued discussion started at the July meeting regarding the Stop sign at the corner of Back Bay and Witt Road. Last month, a resident penned a letter to the Village requesting that it be removed.

Chief Roman reviewed the accident statistics for the last five years at the intersection stating that there have been none at the intersection of Back Bay and Witt Roads. However, he noted that there is a park at the corner and there is pedestrian and bicycle traffic traveling to and from the park. Trustee Abbate stated that Back Bay is on a hill and added that the Stop sign may be

contributing to the zero accident rate at that corner. The consensus of the committee was to take no action with regard to the Stop sign.

P/T Officers' Portable Radios. Chief Roman reported that the portable radios for part-time officers that were authorized at the last meeting have been purchased.

NEW BUSINESS

Revised Part-Time Officer Policy. Chief Roman shared with the committee the changes that were made to SBPD Policy # 325, Part-time Officers. The chief stated that the old policy had a 20 hour per month work minimum and training hours of up to 100 hours. He lowered the requirements in both categories. Minimum work hour requirements have been lowered to 12 hours per month and training requirements lowered to up to 24 hours after the initial FTO period. Chief Roman stated that our part-time officer force is comprised of fully trained officers to begin with (most are either currently working or retired from another law enforcement agency) so lowering the training minimums will not affect their skill level. Also, the policy prohibits part-time officers from carrying a concealed firearm off-duty unless they have a license to do so.

Trustee Guranovich asked whether the lowering of hourly work requirements is something that the officers want. He said he thought part-time officers were looking for more hours. Chief Roman responded that some officers, particularly the retired ones, do want to work more than the minimum requirement. However, he explained that other officers, particularly the firemen, have a difficult time meeting the minimum requirement because of conflicts with their full-time jobs. The chief did not want them to be out of compliance with our policy. The lowering of the minimum hourly requirement does not preclude part-time officers from working more than the minimum hours; it does, however, make it reasonable to expect all officers to stay within policy.

Trustee Guranovich motioned to approve the draft of the Part-Time Officer policy and pass it on the Legal Committee. Trustee Abbate seconded the motion and it carried by voice vote.

ComEd Grant to Purchase Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) Device. Chief Roman shared with the committee that the Village has applied for and received a 50/50 matching grant from ComEd to purchase a thermal camera for the police department. Trustee Abbate asked why we need to buy this camera since we currently lease one from U.S. Navy surplus for \$300 per year. Chief Roman responded that the FLIR device we propose to purchase is newer technology than the Navy device we lease. The new devices are smaller and have updated technology. The camera can detect heat fluctuations by as little as 1/10 of a degree. He asked the committee for permission to purchase the FLIR camera and a storage case to protect it when not in use.

Trustee Guranovich motioned, and Trustee Abbate seconded, to recommend to the full Board of Trustees the purchase of the FLIR camera and accessories as proposed. Motion carried by voice vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

The committee discussed the storage issues that are facing the police department. Chief Roman stated that we have had a full size bathtub (that is evidence in a murder case) stored at the Barrington-Countryside Fire Department for several years. We need to have to find another place to store the bathtub. The chief stated that the police department is using storage space that was intended for Emergency Management. He stated that he was not asking for any action to be taken but wanted the committee to be aware of the storage issues.

Trustee Guranovich motioned, and Trustee Abbate seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 5:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Lampugnano, Recording Secretary

The August 31, 2016 minutes were accepted on _____, 2016.