

Minutes of the meeting of
South Barrington Public Safety Committee
Thursday, December 15, 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 November 17, 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. Chief Roman reported that the two new Records Clerks continue to progress well through training.
2. Officer Ron Reiter was hurt while on an ambulance call at the Pingree Grove Police Department where he also works as a part-time police officer. Officer Reiter fell and broke one wrist and sprained the other. He has seen an orthopedic doctor who casted the broken wrist. We expect Ron to be back off work until at least late January.

Reciprocal Reporting Agreement with Barrington School District 220. The Committee reviewed an updated draft of the proposed reciprocal reporting agreement between the Barrington School District and the Village. Trustees have discussed this agreement before and were opposed to it as previously drafted due to concerns about protecting the privacy of our residents. The most current draft of the agreement has been changed to reflect those concerns. In the updated agreement, the Village has no obligation to report minor offenses that would not affect school safety to the school district. Trustee Guranovich motioned to accept the Reciprocal Reporting Agreement with Barrington School District 220 as amended and to recommend it to the full Board of Trustees. Trustee Abbate seconded; the motion carried by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Ammunition Order. Chief Roman requested permission to order \$6000 worth of ammunition for the police department. He noted that they did not order any ammunition last year and that the prices have been steadily increasing. The chief wants to make a single purchase (that will exhaust the entire budget for range supplies) but will avoid further price increases.

The chief also stated that he has increased the amount of training time that will be devoted to the patrol rifle. Officers will fire the patrol rifle at each range training date. The increased practice will require increased amount of rifle ammunition.

Trustee Guranovich motioned to approve to purchase of ammunition from Gold Coast Armory at a cost of \$5,946.81. Seconded by Trustee Abbate; the motion carried by roll call vote.

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| Trustee Abbate | yes |
| Trustee Guranovich | yes |
| Trustee Cohen | absent |

Part-Time Officer Concealed Carry. Chief Roman stated that our Part-Time Officer policy prohibits part-time officers from carrying their guns off-duty under their authority as a part-time South Barrington police officer. In practical terms it means that our officers who choose to carry off-duty must obtain a concealed carry permit either as a retired officer or as a private citizen.

The chief would like to put language back into the policy that would allow part-time officers to carry a firearm off-duty only with the written permission of the chief.

Trustee Guranovich questioned why language was put in the policy in the first place that prohibited part-time officers from carrying off-duty. The chief stated that it was Lexipol policy language designed to potentially lessen the Village's liability.

Trustee Guranovich motioned to change the Part-time Officer policy to allow part-time officers to be able to carry a gun off-duty with the written permission of the chief and to recommend this change to the full Board. Seconded by Trustee Abbate; the motion carried by voice vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

Change in Police Services with Willow Creek Church. Chief Roman informed trustees that he has directed officers conducting traffic detail at Willow Creek Community Church to spend their down time—that is, the time during services when officers are not directing traffic in and out of the church—inside the building. Formerly, our officers would return to the police station to await the end of church services and then return to directing traffic. Chief Roman stated that he meets regularly with representatives from Willow Creek and they asked for a more visible police presence inside the building. The implementation was smooth and the chief reported that is going very well. Officers remain on the church campus for their entire detail and have been well received by WCCC staff and church-goers.

Hanover Township Emergency Services Update. Chief Roman informed the Committee that we used the emergency services of Hanover Township to help direct traffic when the Serious Traffic Accident Reconstruction (STAR) team need to close down Rt. 59 for a short period to conduct their investigation into a serious vehicle crash. Hanover Township was called and they were a big help. Chief Roman stated that the township would prefer it if we entered into an intergovernmental with them just to clarify our expectations of each other. The chief said that he will be talking to township representatives and will bring it to the Committee when he has something more concrete.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Guranovich motioned, and Trustee Abbate seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 5:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Lampugnano, Recording Secretary

The December 15, 2016 minutes were accepted on _____, 2016.