

Minutes of the South Barrington Public Safety Committee
Thursday, April 20, 2017

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, Village Trustee Bernard Kerman and Chief Tom Roman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Guranovich motioned to accept the minutes of the March 16, 2017 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 reported that Officer Palacios is doing well and is expected to complete his probationary period in June.
2. Part-time Officer Ron Reiter has informed the chief that he has put his home on the market and will be resigning from the Department once he finds another home in Arizona. Officer Reiter has not worked for the Department for several months due to a wrist injury he sustained at his other job. If he does return, the chief did not think he would be here for very much longer.
3. We still have not received the results of an infectious disease test (HIV, hepatitis, etc.) that was ordered for an offender who bit Officer Bialas. She was charged with aggravated battery of a police officer and the testing was a condition of her bond. Somehow she made bond without undergoing the test and Officer Bialas has been taking an infectious disease antidote for ever since he was bit. Chief Roman has been working with Maria McCarthy of the Cook County State's Attorney Office to enforce the order and get the test results for Officer Bialas.

Police Law Institute. Chief Roman briefed the committee members on the requirements that the Illinois State legislature has placed on law enforcement officers that includes annual training on use of force and legal updates, procedural justice, de-escalation and more in the *Police Community Relations Act*. This training is required of every officer and must be documented. Chief had inquired (to NEMRT) about whether Lexipol's Daily Training Bulletins would cover some of the newly mandated training. He was told that Lexipol primarily trains officers on their police department's general orders. Then he turned his attention to the Police Law Institute. The Police Law Institute offers much of the required training in a web based format. They worked with NEMRT and the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board to have their training approved by the Training Board to meet the legal mandates. The cost for a subscription to the Police Law Institute is \$95 per year per

officer (discounted from \$128 per officer), or a total of \$2,470 annually for 26 officers. The training would be completed monthly by each officer.

Trustee Guranovich motioned to accept the proposed training from the Police Law Institute at a cost of \$2,470 and forward to the Full Board of Trustees for consideration. Seconded by Trustee Abbate; the motion carried by voice vote.

Extended Warranty for Patrol Car #479. Chief stated that patrol car #479 is approaching 34,000 miles and an extended warranty must be purchased before the vehicle reaches 36,000 miles. He recommended doing so on the new vehicles because they have proven to be worthwhile. The chief stated that we had a water pump fail in one of the other vehicles which did not have the warranty. The officer noticed the car was starting to overheat and he quickly turned the engine off. The repair is expensive on the Ford Explorers because the engine needs to be removed in order to make the repair. The price for the extended warranty is \$1,975.

Trustee Guranovich motioned to approve the purchase of an extended warranty for patrol car #479 at a cost of \$1,975. Trustee Abbate seconded and the motion carried by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

The Committee discussed the timing of the traffic signal(s) on Barrington Road at I-90. Traffic flows from several directions at the intersection: to and from Barrington Road to I-90 both east and west, plus north and south bound Barrington Road traffic. The intersection is confusing for motorists and the traffic signals may not be timed properly. Chief Roman stated that he called the Tollway Authority to share our concerns.

Village President McCombie announced the results of the Pension Board elections. Ray Cordell was elected to represent the beneficiary members, and Sam Lopez and Adam Puralewski were elected to represent the active duty members.

Trustee Guranovich asked whether the police department will replace the part-time officer position once Ron Reiter retires. Chief Roman replied that he has an application from a retired Chicago PD officer.

Village President McCombie stated that one union grievance regarding the chief's decision to fill the vacancies of a supervisor who is absent from work (on leave or in training) with another supervisor has been dropped. The union did not respond within the required period of time. An earlier grievance on the same subject is pending arbitration.

President McCombie stated that she met with Cook County Highway representatives to form an Intergovernmental Government Agreement for dead tree removal in the Village. They are currently in the process of writing the proposal.

President McCombie stated that Magnolia Pointe homeowners were present at a Plan Commission Meeting airing their concerns about the Goebberts Pumpkin Farm next door. Among their concerns were the residents' perceived high crime rate in the subdivision. Chief reviewed the criminal activity that occurred in the Magnolia Pointe subdivision over the last

three years. There was an attempted burglary and a stolen vehicle last year and another car burglarized last week. Other than those incidents there has not been any reported criminal activity in the subdivision. Chief Roman reported to the Committee that the criminal activity data for the Magnolia Pointe subdivision is no higher, and may be actually lower, than other subdivisions in the Village.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Guranovich motioned, and Trustee Abbate seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Lampugnano, Recording Secretary

The April 20, 2017 minutes were accepted on _____, 2017.