

Minutes of the South Barrington
Public Safety Committee
Thursday, July 27, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Abbate called the Public Safety Committee meeting to order at 4:31 pm.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Guranovich motioned to accept the minutes of the June 15, 2017 regular meeting as written. Seconded by Trustee Abate; the motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Debbie Bachmeier attended the meeting. Ms. Bachmeier inquired about the status of closing the gates in The Regency. Trustee Kerman explained that parts are on order to complete repairs so the gates can be closed as previously discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

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

1. Part-time Clerk Melissa Powell will begin working full-time in the records office on August 7.

Updated Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for Major Case Assistance Team (MCAT). Chief Roman distributed copies of the current MCAT Agreement which was passed in 2005, and also a copy of the proposed amended copy of the agreement. He stated that they are updating the agreement and that the only significant change is in Section 6 that requires each participating agency to indemnify the other agencies. Chief Roman stated that this is informational only. He has forwarded the proposed amended agreement to the Village Attorney for comments and advice. Trustee Guranovich asked if South Barrington is benefitting from MCAT participation since we have a lower crime rate than many other member agencies; therefore it stands to reason that we would have less need for MCAT services. Chief Roman replied that we have called out the MCAT Serious Traffic Accident Reconstruction (STAR) team several times for serious traffic crashes. He added that for major crimes, our detective gains valuable investigative experience by participating in the MCAT callouts.

Frontline Software Update. Chief Roman stated that we were ready to purchase the Frontline tracking software when he discovered that QuadCom is investigating it for use by all QuadCom agencies. If they buy it, we do not have to. the chief is waiting to see what QuadCom decides.

STARCOM21 Radio Update. Chief Roman reminded the Committee that by 2020 we will have to give up our current radio frequencies. To that end, we have been testing the Motorola STARCOM21 radios for their effectiveness. Chief Roman stated that he has been very pleased

with the performance of the radios. After two weeks of testing, the quality is excellent and we could not find anywhere in the Village (including the basement of Willow Creek Church) where they did not work. The chief noted that the radios are a significant budget consideration in that they cost about \$5,000 each plus a \$34 monthly user fee per radio. He noted Motorola will offer a significant discount if we purchase together with other QuadCom agencies. The chief stated that right now each officer has his own radio. The current radios cost less than \$1,000 each. Given that the likely STARCOM radio we would purchase would cost about \$5,000 each we would likely need to share radios in the future.

NEW BUSINESS

Internet Purchase Exchange Location. Chief Roman briefed committee members on a request he received from OfferUp, an e-commerce company, to use our police department parking lot as a safe exchange location. Patrons of online purchases could use our parking lot to conduct their in-person business transactions from OfferUp and other online vendors like Ebay, Craigslist, etc. Our lot is has video cameras and just the idea that it is a police department makes for a safer environment for both buyers and sellers. OfferUp has provided signage that identifies the lot as a meetup spot. OfferUp also requested that they be allowed to post our site on their website as an exchange location. The Committee discussed the idea. The chief assured them that this is voluntary and we can stop offering the service at any time we choose.

Trustee Guranovich motioned to approve, and forward to the full Board of Trustees, the use of the police department parking lot as a meet up place for e-commerce buyers and sellers, and to post a sign designating the area in which to do so. Seconded by Trustee Abbate, the motion carried by voice vote.

Proposal to Keep One Used Patrol Car. Chief Roman requested permission to keep one of the patrol vehicles that were recently replaced with a new model and to use it as the chief's car. He reminded trustees that last year when the detective's car broke down (and was not cost-effective to repair) he gave the chief's car to the detective to use. The chief has been using his personal car since June 2016. Trustee Guranovich motioned, and Trustee Abbate seconded, to approve and forward to the full Board of Trustees for approval, to keep one of the used patrol vehicles to be used as the chief's car. The motion carried by voice vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chief Roman stated that there have been news reports about carbon monoxide being found in the Ford Interceptor SUV patrol cars. There were several possible explanations for it including the holes made in the vehicles for installation of after-market equipment, the idling of the vehicles, etc. The chief purchased carbon monoxide detectors for each patrol car at a nominal cost (about \$5 each) to check the levels in each of the cars. The chief will study it and report back to the committee.

Trustee Abbate addressed an issue brought up at the Building and Zoning Committee meeting about a tow vehicle and trailer that has been parked in the Windemere subdivision for several weeks. There is also a utility trailer parked there as well. Trustee Abbate asked the chief to look into the problem and suggest ways to control it. Chief Roman stated that he will investigate and report back to him.

Mayor McCombie stated that that the Village is eligible to receive a Cook County grant in the amount of \$76,000 for a bike path. This is the second grant we have received from Cook County. We received an earlier one for \$126,000 for landscape cleanup on county roads within the Village.

The mayor reported that there are two movies being filmed in the Village. Currently, there is filming in the Hidden Lakes subdivision and later in August another film crew (location to be determined) will begin filming in the Village.

Mayor McCombie stated that she has received a complaint from a resident about the new road striping that has been placed on Mundhank Road east of Barrington Road. The area designating as a passing zone has increased and the resident thought it a safety hazard. She asked the chief to look into it and advise her.

Chief Roman informed the Committee that he will be on vacation July 31 through August 8. Sergeant Bryant Haniszewski will serve as the acting Chief of Police.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Guranovich motioned, and Trustee Abbate seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Lampugnano, Recording Secretary

The July 27, 2017 minutes were accepted on September 27, 2017.