

VILLAGE OF SOUTH BARRINGTON

30 South Barrington Road
South Barrington, IL 60010

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2022

AT 3:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Abbate called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chairman Joseph Abbate, Trustee Stephen Guranovich

Members Absent: Trustee Edgar Alvarado

Officials Present: Mayor Paula McCombie, Trustee Stagno

Staff Present: Police Chief Thomas Roman, Deputy Chief Michael Garrison, Administrative Assistant Nicole Vaccarello

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Guranovich moved to approve the minutes of the Public Safety Committee for September 21, 2022. Seconded by Chairman Abbate. **Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Abbate invited members of the public to address the committee. Trustee Stagno mentioned that members of his HOA have concerns about the new Safety Act that takes effect January 1, 2023. This was discussed further in the Other Business section of the meeting. The meeting proceeded with the published agenda items.

OLD BUSINESS

Chief gave the committee a personnel update. He explained that we had three applicants for patrol officers, all three came to the test and 2 passed. Chief said that he would be scheduling with the police commission to move forward in the next step of the process. He went on to say that there were 7 lateral applications so far and would be reaching out to them to schedule the next steps there as well. He went on to say that the Sergeant Assessment has been completed and next would be the managerial assessment. Chief Roman also informed the committee of the new records clerk, Elsie, would be starting on Thursday October 20.

He went on to discuss the topic of increasing the salary for part time officers. He explained that Barrington Hills is offering part time officers an hourly rate of \$35. Chief feels that by increasing the salary, it may help incentivize applicants. At this time, we have had no part time applications come in. Trustee Guranovich asked if other departments have gotten many applicants to which Chief answered after discussing with other Chiefs, he found that they are not getting many applicants either. But with what we are currently offering, we aren't comparable enough to other departments. Trustee Stagno asked about how many hours we are looking to cover with a part timer. Chief explained about 20 hours' minimum a month which is challenging since they have to train (mandated training) just as much as a full time officer which is approximately 10-12 hours of training. For a part timer, that's almost like having them work a day just to update on training which defeats the purpose.

Trustee Guranovich made a motion to bring to the board a proposal of an increase for part time officers to \$30/hour. Seconded by Chairman Abbate. **Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**

Chief Roman went on to mention that the next union negotiation session is October 27, at 2 PM. Chief also discussed joining NIPAS or the Emergency Services Team.

Mayor McCombie made a quick mention of a Police Department PsyD by the name of Kammy to reach out to and get a proposal from.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Abbate moved the meeting along to the next item on the agenda. Deputy Chief Garrison explained the need for the new modems in the squad cars. After having IT determine that it is in fact a hardware issue, we need these modems installed to fix the communication issue with QuadCom. When these are not working properly, it becomes a safety issue, not only for the response time to the call for help but for the officer's themselves. The cost doesn't include the install.

Trustee Guranovich made a motion to bring the purchase of these modems, not to exceed \$9,300.00, to the board. Seconded by Chairman Abbate. **Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**

Deputy Chief Garrison explained to the committee that we would be purchasing more mounting brackets for the officers for the Tasers to be attached to their vests. He explained that they are \$18 each and already in the budget.

Chief Roman and Deputy Chief Garrison went on to explain that three people in the department have their ballistic vests expiring. Per the contract, they have to have a minimum of a level two which is \$753.00 each. They have a five-year cycle. There will be two vests that will need replaced in 2023. We should get about 50% of the cost back from the Department of Justice Grant. No action is needed here as it is already budgeted.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chief made mention of the manpower issues with covering for the Goebbert's detail while also maintaining patrol coverage for the rest of the community. We are not scheduling officers to work the detail, we are scheduling them to cover the street. Chief explained it has been difficult to get officers to sign up for the detail, even with the increase in the detail rate.

Chief made mention of updating our traffic enforcement agreement with the Arboretum. The entity name needs to change for the new owner.

Chief went on to mention a GPS device that Sergeant Puralewski learned about. It attaches to the squad car, and when you begin chase with a suspect, you can shoot it out from the squad and it uses a substance that sticks a tracker to the car, instead of getting involved in a high speed chase. We are looking into this and will see if a grant is available.

Mayor McCombie mentioned that she sent a letter to the Governor Pritzker with her concerns about the Safety Act.

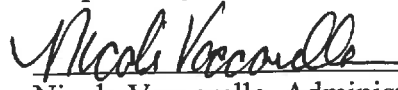
EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

None.

ADJOURNMENT

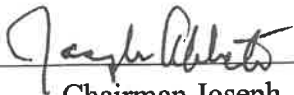
There being no further business, Trustee Guranovich moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:42 p.m. Chairman Abbate seconded. **Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**

Respectfully submitted by:



Nicole Vaccarello, Administrative Assistant
to the Chief of Police

These minutes were approved this
16 day of November, 2022



Chairman Joseph Abbate