

# **VILLAGE OF SOUTH BARRINGTON**

30 South Barrington Road  
South Barrington, IL 60010

## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, September 18, 2024

AT 3:30 P.M.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Abbate called the meeting to order at 3:34 P.M.

### **ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Chairman Joseph Abbate, Trustee Stephen Guranovich and Trustee Edgar Alvarado

Staff Present: Mayor Paul McCombie, Police Chief Michael Garrison and Administrative Assistant Nicole Vaccarello

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Trustee Guranovich moved to approve the minutes of the Public Safety Committee for June 19, 2024. Seconded by Trustee Alvarado. **Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Abbate invited members of the public to address the committee. Hearing none, Chairman Abbate proceeded with the rest of the published agenda items.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Chief Garrison gave the Committee a personnel update, explaining we hired Nick Gryzoski who has just been released from the FTO program. He went on to explain we also hired Eric Santiago who is currently in phase 2 of the FTO program. Chief gave high remarks for Eric. Chief stated we also hired Jocelyn Garza who just started the FTO program, and we also have another officer starting Monday, David Blaszczyk. Mayor McCombie made a statement about 2 more applicants they are waiting on the culture index for so they can interview with her.

Chief went on to say we have gone over on our overtime budget for the year since we have been short staffed. Mayor McCombie pointed out that even though we are over on that part of the budget, we also haven't been paying for the positions the overtime has been covering. Trustee Alvarado asked where the overtime is mainly coming from. Chief Garrison explained, on top of being short staffed, we still have to send officers to training, plus vacation coverage on the street. He also stated our part-time officers have full time jobs elsewhere so if they can not cover, we have to pull from our full-time staff.

Trustee Guranovich asked how many of our officers speak another language. Chief Garrison explained we have at least 4 officers that speak Spanish plus a records clerk and 2 or 3 who speak Polish and possibly another language.

Trustee Guranovich asked about the home invasion criminal and what the process is. Chief Garrison explained the process with Felony Review and the court system.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Abbate moved the meeting along, asking about the topics on the agenda for new business.

- A) Chief Garrison explained the interview room cameras were left off the original quote. This was the reason we began getting quotes in the first place. He explained these cameras are required, and the cost is about \$4200, which had been previously approved.
- B) Chief Garrison stated he wants to send Sergeant Lynch to the 10-week Staff & Command class in January 2025. The cost is around \$4,000.00 for the course. This class will help expand his leadership role as Sergeant. Mayor McCombie asked about another leadership class that may be shorter. Chief said he would look into it. Chief Garrison also mentioned that Sergeant Lynch will be up for his 18-month probation review and plans to complete this review soon. Sergeant Doyle will be after that.
- C) Chief Garrison discussed the IPRF Safety Grant that we received for \$6,000.00. We have to spend it or have a plan to spend it by December or we lose it. We have already started using on items like nitrile gloves for searches and evidence handling. Chairman Abbate asked if we are still good on Narcan, and we are. Trustee Guranovich asked if all the COVID-19 funds have been used to which the Mayor replied, yes.
- D) Chief Garrison updated the Committee on sold assets. Two more squad cars have been sold as well as equipment we can no longer use. Mayor McCombie asked if we have removed those vehicles from the insurance. Chief said he would check with Wayde. Trustee Alvarado asked about the hybrids from Ford and Chief explained that Ford is not currently making them right now. Trustee Guranovich asked about the EV option, Chevy offers it but charging the cars would be an issue, plus our temperatures in the winter have a negative effect on the batteries.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Chairman Abbate asked if there was any other business to discuss.

Chief Garrison stated he would like to give our officers more opportunities for specialty positions such as MCAT Forensics & Surveillance or add another person on the STAR team. These opportunities would add experience and value to our department. The Committee agreed.

Mayor McCombie made mention of a building in town going up for auction that she was interested in.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Trustee Guranovich moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:27 P.M. Trustee Alvarado seconded. **Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**

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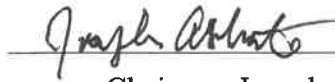
Respectfully submitted by:

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Nicole Vaccarello, Administrative Assistant  
to the Chief of Police

These minutes were approved this

16 day of October, 2024

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Chairman Joseph Abbate