

VILLAGE OF SOUTH BARRINGTON

30 South Barrington Road
South Barrington, IL 60010

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, July 16, 2025

AT 1:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Abbate called the meeting to order at 1:34 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chairman Joseph Abbate, Trustee Hina Patel and Trustee Stephen Guranovich

Staff Present: Mayor Paula McCombie, Police Chief Michael Garrison, Deputy Chief Adam Puralewski and Administrative Assistant Nicole Vaccarello

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Patel moved to approve the minutes of the Public Safety Committee for May 29, 2025. Seconded by Trustee Guranovich. **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 an update on the department's personnel starting with Records Clerk Corinne Homfeldt has left South Barrington to be a Records Clerk for St. Charles. We posted the opening on July 1, and we've received about 25 applications. The posting closes on July 25. The next step will be to go through and vet the applicants with a telephone call.

Chief Garrison went on to discuss Officer Crokin and his field training. Officer Crokin is onto Step 2 of the FTO program. Trustee Guranovich and Trustee Patel had a few questions about the FTO program that Chief and Deputy Chief explained.

Chief Garrison mentioned the initial eligibility register. We have a starting list with six applicants on it. We are not looking to hire but if we need to in future, this is the list we will work from.

Chairman Abbate asked about the next item on the agenda, Class A uniforms. The Chief and Deputy Chief would like to order these to look more professional at meetings, graduations and funerals. The cost is anywhere between \$185 and \$250. The Committee and Mayor agreed, if we have the funds in the budget to go ahead and order them.

The next agenda item was about the Drone as a first responder, a program that our Deputy Chief brought to QuadCom to get our other local agencies on board with. The idea behind it is to have a drone available to act as a first responder when a call comes in. The drone could be there faster and have "eyes" on the situation, updating officers as they are on the way. Flock is offering a 90-day free trial to Test the drone. East Dundee (part of the QuadCom group) offered to be a part of the trial to see if this program would be beneficial.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Abbate moved the committee onto the new business section of the agenda. Chief Garrison explained that new patrol vehicles are already on a year-long waitlist. We do not need a new squad now, but it is something to take into consideration for the future. Mayor McCombie asked for some data on our squads noting the mileage and the year it went into service so we can estimate when we may need another squad car. Trustee Guranovich asked about electric vehicles, and the Chief stated they would not be conducive to patrol between the cold weather and how it affects the batteries, to charging time and cost for the actual charging stations. Trustee Guranovich asked about a confiscated Tesla and if we will try to use it for investigations, to which the Chief explained, yes that is plan but we must wait for the courts to approve it.

Chief Garrison went on to discuss a Knox Box for the Police Department. Currently we have one for the Village but not for the Police Department. For the purposes of officer safety, and security, a Knox Box would be helpful should we ever need assistance from another PD or fire department. Chief Garrison explained they will get the pricing and bring it to the next meeting.

Lastly, Chief Garrison explained he couldn't find our Official Mission Statement, so he wrote one. The Committee likes it and approves.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Trustee Guranovich moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:28 P.M. Trustee Patel seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted by:



Nicole Vaccarello, Administrative
Assistant to the Chief of Police

These minutes were approved this

17 day of September, 2025



Chairman Joseph Abbate