

VILLAGE OF SOUTH BARRINGTON

30 South Barrington Road
South Barrington, IL 60010

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

AT 1:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Abbate called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Guranovich moved to approve the minutes of the Public Safety Committee for September 17, 2025. Seconded by Trustee Patel. **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 a quick report on the Police Department personnel updates. He explained that our newest lateral officer, Kim, started on Monday and was sworn in earlier this morning. We are now fully staffed. Trustee Patel asked if we have enough staff now for detail coverage. Chief stated that we do. Chief Garrison also stated that Sergeant Doyle will be completing Staff & Command in January.

Chief Garrison went on to explain that we haven't yet gotten a Knox Box for the police department. Deputy Chief Puralewski stated that he wants to get one with a pin code.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Abbate moved the committee on to the new business portion of the meeting.

Chief Garrison announced Richard Garcia, the owner of Higgy's, a piano bar in The Arboretum. Richard Garcia spoke to the committee regarding his hours of operation and liquor license. Mr. Garcia wants to be able to serve liquor until 2am. Right now, last call is 1am and the bar closes at 2am. The Committee expressed concerns about security and how this could affect local policing. Chief explained we won't know how it will affect policing until we try. Mayor McCombie commented that it would potentially require an ordinance change. She also stated that the ordinance may have some language in it about adjusting business hours after the first year. Chairman Abbate stated that they would have to speak to the lawyer and look into this further before getting back to him.

Next on the agenda, Chief Garrison explained that we should look into getting extended warranties on the squad cars. Two squads do not currently have a warranty. The reason this came up was because of the purchase of the replacement squad after 478 was smashed. A 5 year, 125k mile warranty with \$0 deductible would be \$4,980.00. The committee discussed and asked Chief Garrison to look into when we should actually purchase an extended warranty and what other options are available.

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Going along with discussions about extended warranties, Chief Garrison explained that the new squad, replacing the one that was damaged, is at the upfitter now and should be ready within 3-4 weeks.

Chief Garrison went on to update the committee about the FBINAA conference he attended. He explained that it was a lot of training and networking with a lot of positive discussions. Some revolving around I.C.E. and how that is impacting communities. He talked about other various topics that were discussed, such as engagement with the community and social media, to include the importance of communication, as well as mentioning a company called Othra who does forensic genealogy for cold cases and deeper dives into DNA.

Trustee Hina Patel asked what the discussions were about regarding I.C.E. Chief Garrison explained they discussed how The Safe-T Act, which to summarize, is a duty to intervene, and the Trust Act, which states that local police do not assist I.C.E. in their actions and how these two acts are conflicting.

Chairman Abbate moved the meeting along to ask about lighted stop signs. At the Board Meeting, Trustee Hina Patel asked about getting more noticeable signage at the intersection of Penny and Bartlett. Chief Garrison did some research and explained that the intersection of Penny Rd and Bartlett Rd is one of the high crash intersections in town, however, the majority of the crashes are happening there during the day. A lighted stop sign wouldn't be doing much to prevent collisions during the day. He also stated the signs currently have a red flashing light on top. He explained the red flashing lights were a compromise since the intersection is Cook County and they do not want to pay nearly \$2k for each LED stop sign.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chief Garrison made a quick mention of getting rid of CodeRed for our emergency notification system since they were hacked and we will be going with Everbridge, hopefully by January 1, 2026. A mention was made about using the memo section on the water bills to notify residents about non-emergency items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Trustee Patel moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:36 P.M. Trustee Guranovich seconded. **Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**

Respectfully submitted by:



Nicole Vaccarello, Administrative
Assistant to the Chief of Police

These minutes were approved this

21 day of January, 2026



Chairman Joseph Abbate