

# VILLAGE OF SOUTH BARRINGTON

30 South Barrington Road  
South Barrington, IL 60010

## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

AT 1:30 P.M.

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Abbate called the meeting to order at 1:31 P.M.

### ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chairman Joseph Abbate and Trustee Stephen Guranovich

Members Absent: Trustee Hina Patel

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

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Guranovich moved to approve the minutes of the Public Safety Committee for November 19, 2025. Seconded by Trustee Abbate. **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 quick update on the police department's personnel, explaining that officer Kim Slusarczyk is going through field training and on step 3. Her next step will be shadowing, where her FTO will shadow her while she works mostly independently. Chief Garrison also made quick mention of a NIPAS try out on February 3rd. Three of our officers are trying out.

Chairman Abbate asked about the Knox Box update, to which Deputy Chief Puralewski explained that it is still on the "to do" list but other things required priority.

### NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Abbate announced that Sergeant Kevin Doyle would be presenting information about Red Light Cameras.

Sergeant Doyle explained to the committee of his research regarding crashes and red-light cameras. He explained we can do nothing and continue to respond to major crashes where lives and officer safety are at risk or we could hire more officers to monitor the intersections, costing the village more money or we could apply red light cameras to our most dangerous intersections at no cost to us. He went on to explain the statics of adding red light cameras and how they have significantly reduced the number of crashes in other towns. The company he spoke about is called Red Speed. They would do all the work. The preparations, the set up, are at no cost to us. Sergeant Doyle explained how they work, by taking a picture of the vehicle that crosses the white line at a red light. All these pictures would be reviewed first by the Red Speed company and then sent to the police department to make final determinations on whether a violation took place. From there, based on the vehicle's registration, the owner of the vehicle would receive a ticket in the mail with a link to view their violation. It would not go against the drivers' record, it would be a local ticket and if they chose to, the vehicle owner could bring it to adjudication to argue it. If we were to go forward with this, we would put these cameras at

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the Route 72 & Route 59 intersection as well as the Barrington Road & Algonquin Road intersection. Trustee Stagno asked other questions about lengthening the yellow lights and such, to which Chief and Deputy Chief explained that the light timers are controlled and maintained by the State and IDOT and they will not make any changes like that because they base the timers on the street, the speed on the street and the amount of traffic on the street. Trustee Abbate asked to see some more statistics and more information from the Red Speed company before bringing this to the board.

Chief Garrison went on to discuss adding a Distracted Driving Ordinance. He explained that officers have seen an uptick in distracted driving. Whether it's your dog on your lap, your phone in your hand or putting on makeup in the mirror, it has become a problem. Chief Garrison would like to make it a fineable ordinance, \$30 or \$50 if late, giving the officer the option to write a local or state ticket for the violation. It would be the officer's discretion. The committee agreed to bring the proposal to the Board. Trustee Abbate made the motion to bring the proposal of adding this ordinance to the Board. Seconded by Trustee Guranovich. **Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**

Chairman Abbate moved the committee along to the next item on the agenda. Chief Garrison and Deputy Chief Puralewski discussed with the committee an app for the officer's work cell phones where officers can communicate with local and outside agencies as well as QuadCom. It would basically be our police radio, encrypted, as an app on their phones. The Chief of Police in Barrington Hills has it and speaks highly of it. This would allow the police to keep in touch in real time. The app is \$17.99/month. The police department would like to get 8 of these apps installed, which would be about \$145.00/month. Trustee Guranovich made a motion to bring the purchase of 8 apps at \$145/month to the board. Seconded by Trustee Abbate. **Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Chairman Abbate asked if there was any other business to which Chief Garrison made a mention of the budget. He explained that the QuadCom budget will be increasing. Last year, QuadCom had an audit done on personnel and salaries. Since, they have increased the wages of employees and have added some as well. They have 19 employees. Not to mention the addition of the new Tyler Tech software and training. The budget is increasing from roughly \$222,000.00 to nearly \$300,000.00, which is approximately a 35% increase.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Trustee Guranovich moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 P.M. Trustee Abbate seconded. **Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**

These minutes were approved this:

Respectfully submitted by:

18 day of February, 2026  
Joseph Abbate

Nicole Vaccarello

Joseph Abbate  
Public Safety Chairman

Nicole Vaccarello  
Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police