

VILLAGE OF SOUTH BARRINGTON

30 South Barrington Road
South Barrington, IL 60010

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, May 21, 2026

AT 3:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Abbate called the meeting to order at 3:50 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chairman Joseph Abbate and Trustee Hina Patel

Members Absent: Trustee Stephen Guranovich

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Abbate moved to approve the minutes of the Public Safety Committee for February 18, 2026. Seconded by Trustee Patel. **Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Abbate invited members of the public to address the committee. Trustee Patel made a quick mention of being thankful for the hard work to get the Allstate Property back. Chairman Abbate then 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 we have one open patrol officer position and we just finished interviews with the police commission. There is a total of four candidates that will be moving on to interviews with the Mayor. Two of the candidates are new and would need to go to academy. The other two are laterals.

Chairman Abbate moved the committee on to the next item of the agenda. Chief Garrison gave a QuadCom Update. He explained that Carpentersville is leaving QuadCom. They gave their one-year notice as required per the by-laws. They are going to SEECOM to save money. Meanwhile, QuadCom Executives are planning to hire someone to help determine the options. This could cost anywhere between \$85-150k. The next board of directors meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday to discuss the options further.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Abbate moved the Committee onto the New Business. Chief Garrison communicated the want to update the Police Department with things like paint, new monitors and décor. He explained that it has been 12 years since it was updated. Plans for the updates were in the budget last year but it hadn't been touched. Trustee Patel asked about the monitors and what they would be for. Chief explained they would be for different locations within the department to monitor things like the outside cameras or the lock-up area or even to show where the officers are in the field.

Chairman Abbate then asked the Chief about the Motorola radios. Chief Garrison explained that we are approaching the 7 year mark on our radios. They are only designed to last about 10 years. The quote from Motorola to replace the radios would be about \$225k. Chief Garrison explained that we do not need to do this now, but it is something to keep in mind going forward. He also stated that we are looking into potential grants but there are not many out there for the radios.

Chairman Abbate then asked about the push bars. Chief Garrison stated that he wanted to add the push bars to the rest of the fleet. Trustee Patel asked what they are for. Chief explained that typically they are used to push stalled cars off the road without damaging the squad. We also mount the StarChase projectiles to the push bars. Chief also stated that the push bar more than likely saved Officer Lukowski's life when we had that car accident. The cost for the push bars would be about \$900 per squad.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Abbate asked if there was any other business, and Mayor McCombie mentioned having officers available for the street fest at the Arboretum on June 10. Chief Garrison stated 6 officers should suffice. The committee discussed potential future changes to some businesses in the Arboretum as well as the possibility of permits for events.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Trustee Patel moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:39 P.M. Trustee Abbate seconded. **Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**

These minutes were approved this:

Respectfully submitted by:

17 day of June, 2026

Joseph Abbate

Joseph Abbate
Public Safety Chairman

Nicole Vaccarello

Nicole Vaccarello
Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police