

**Village of North Hudson
Public Safety Meeting
Thursday, November 14, 2019, 5:30 p.m.
Village Hall, 400 7th Street North
Hudson, WI 54016**

Call to Order: roll call

Chair Tim Zais called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm. Answering the call were Trustees Cathy Leaf and Philip Matz. A quorum was present and the meeting was duly noticed. Also in attendance was Recording Secretary Anne-Marie McDonald. Police Chief Mark Richert arrived after the start of the meeting.

Comments from the floor

None

Approval of minutes from October 10, 2019 Public Safety Meeting

Motion (Leaf/Matz) to approve the minutes of October 10, 2019 meeting as written. Motion carried.

Chief's Report

Sergeant Joshua Hecht has been certified for solo patrol. Hecht has completed training as a certified Field Training Officer, and will participate in training the new patrol officer with Richert beginning in December. The new officer has prior experience, so training won't be as intensive.

A conditional offer of employment was made to a candidate on November 11, 2019. The medical check was completed yesterday, and the psych evaluation will take place on November 21, 2019. The swearing-in ceremony is planned for Saturday, December 7, 2019.

The new squad was received from Hudson Ford on November 12, 2019. Police equipment is being transferred and installed by Emergency Automotive Technologies, with anticipated completion in the last week of November, 2019.

Richert completed de-escalation training for Train the Trainer, and must take his test within the next five days. The course emphasizes trying to limit or reduce the use of force during an encounter, recognizing that verbalization is not always effective. After all new staff is on board, Richert plans to complete in-house training.

Richert stated that there is nothing out of the ordinary with the Incident Breakdown report. Richert said that he was not in North Hudson during the high-speed chase yesterday. He reported there have been quite a few welfare checks, mostly related to custody issues. The Warnings/Violations tallies are in line. Sgt. Hecht was added to the list just a few days ago; the numbers reported for him may appear out of proportion until he has more time on solo patrol.

Parking Concern on Wisconsin Street North

A resident recently brought a parking concern to Richert's attention. During the hours of 4-8 pm, parking is busy around Starr's Bar. No crashes have taken place, but the space is very tight for two vehicles to pass. A

suggestion is to have parking on one side only. Richert wants to conduct some outreach with neighborhood businesses to determine which side of the street to restrict parking.

Purchase of Laptops and Docking Stations

Richert said that the department owns two laptops currently running Windows 7, whose operating system support ends in January 2020. St. Croix County is requiring all computers which access its network to run Windows 10. The police department budget for 2019 has some surplus money, so it may work better to purchase these computers during the current fiscal year. Richert obtained a quote from BayCom, and said its quote included an upgraded Toughbook for slightly less money.

Motion (Leaf/Matz) to recommend the purchase of two Toughbook mobile laptops at a cost not to exceed \$5,800. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 3-0. Matz – Yes, Leaf – Yes, Zais – Yes.

Hands-Free Cell Phone Ordinance

Zais spoke with Richert before tonight's meeting – nothing new to report.

Social Hosting Ordinance

Zais stated there is nothing new to discuss.

Amend Ordinance 38-7 – Burning Restricted

Zais stated that he hasn't received any information from the Hudson Fire Chief regarding the ordinance.

Police Department Staffing and Coverage

Richert is waiting for the 2020 budget to be approved to determine whether an additional officer will be added to the department. Richert appreciated the committee's support for adding an officer. He said there are two candidates on the eligibility list, so Richert will be ready to proceed with the January 2020 hire.

Police Department Capital / Equipment Planning

Quotes for police department server, to be purchased in 2021; squad purchase for new position.

Future Agenda Items

Hands free cell phone ordinance; social hosting ordinance; Amend Ordinance 38-7; Wisconsin Street North parking.

Adjournment

Chair Zais declared the meeting adjourned at 5:49 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Anne-Marie McDonald
Recording Secretary