

**Village of North Hudson
Public Safety Meeting
Thursday, November 8, 2018, 5:30 p.m.
Village Hall, 400 7th Street North
Hudson, WI 54016**

Call to Order: roll call

Chair Marc Zappa called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Answering the call were Trustees Cathy Leaf and Tim Zais. A quorum was present and the meeting was duly noticed. Also in attendance were Police Chief Mark Richert and Recording Secretary Anne-Marie McDonald.

Comments from the floor

None

Approval of minutes from September 13, 2018 Public Safety Meeting

Motion (Leaf/Zais) to approve the minutes of September 13, 2018 meeting as written. Motion carried.

Chief's Report

Richert stated that the Police Commission submitted a list of three final candidates for the open officer position. Background investigation interviews have been completed for all candidates. The full background check should be completed this week for the Number 1 candidate. The Number 2 candidate has requested to be moved to Number 3 for the time being, due to a potential job offer with the Chippewa County Sheriff's Office. The Number 3 candidate was moved up to Number 2. Candidate interviews and background investigation on this candidate are in process and should be complete within two weeks. Richert hopes to have a new officer installed and start training by early December 2018.

The ATV/UTV route signs were put up on November 1. Two signs had to be moved due to ordinance and visibility concerns. No stops of ATVs or UTVs so far.

Richert reviewed the incidents breakdown for September. The number of mental health calls has slightly increased. Overtime expenses are on track for the year.

No Parking Signage on Pine Street N.

No additional updates or concerns have been brought to Richert's or the committee's attention, so this item will be removed from future agendas.

No Parking Signage on the 600 block of St. Croix Street N.

Richert explained that a red compact car has been parked on St. Croix Street N. close to Sixth Street N., causing an issue with through traffic, and he is looking for guidance from the committee. Discussion centered on where a no parking area would improve the situation.

Motion (Zais/Leaf) to recommend a no parking area on the south side of St. Croix Street N. from Sixth Street N. east to the first driveway. Motion carried.

Social Hosting Ordinance

Richert shared the Wisconsin Alcohol Policy Project Report with the committee, which includes Social Host ordinances in Wisconsin. North Hudson PD participated in the Parents Who Host Lose the Most program, which emphasizes the civil repercussions to social hosts. The department was called to a party in North Hudson where a village resident served alcohol to 13- and 14-year old children. Richert explained that the village has no municipal ordinance which the department can use in such cases. He explained that the village could adopt Wisconsin state ordinance 125.07, or a new ordinance could be developed with the help of the village attorney. Richert doesn't have the final wording of a proposed ordinance at this time. Richert stated that he would like to be able to cite an offender, given this recent call.

Zais stated that the department should be able to cite people who host parties where alcohol is served to minors. Richert explained that the only recourse the department presently has are to refer the matter to the St. Croix County District Attorney or make an arrest. Zappa feels the village should develop an ordinance for these types of infractions.

Amend Ordinance 38-7 – Burning Ordinance

Richert spoke with the Hudson Fire Chief and provided the committee with the St. Paul ordinance which has similar elements. There are concerns with the current ordinance regarding the definition of a windy day. St. Paul defines a windy day as 10 miles per hour (MPH) or higher, in which case burning is prohibited. The St. Paul ordinance also includes provisions regarding nuisance or obnoxious odors. Richert hopes to have the Hudson Fire Chief attend the December Public Safety meeting to provide his input regarding changes to the current ordinance.

Village resident Jim Boschuetz, of 554 Sixth Street N., stated that he has a burning pit in his yard, and his neighbor has complained about smoke. Boschuetz stated that the wind was blowing at 11 MPH the day he had a fire. Boschuetz applauded Richert for wanting to define more criteria where yard fires are concerned. Boschuetz said that village residents have few options to get rid of lawn refuse if fires are not allowed. This is especially an issue for neighbors who are bothered by smoke.

Boschuetz asked why the county dispatcher can't notify residents if a wind restriction is in place when calling for permission to burn. Richert explained that, unless there is a burning ban in place, St. Croix County Emergency Operations Center will not regulate burning ordinances because municipalities may have different regulations.

Richert suggested the Public Welfare committee address issues surrounding disposal of yard waste. Zais recommended that Boschuetz contact the Public Welfare committee to discuss the issue.

Amend Ordinance 90-9 – Official Traffic Signs and Signals

Richert explained that Ordinance 90-9 was originally established in 2016. A village residence has a camper with someone living in it, and is asking how many two-week intervals in a calendar year the individual can live in the camper. The current ordinance has conflicting language; in one location, it specifies two week intervals, and in another, people may sleep in the camper 30 days per year. The village attorney recommended removing the "two week" language in the 90-9 ordinance, which would then fall to the 30 days per year restriction in ordinance 90-12(6)(a). Richert explained that after village ordinances are passed or modified, they must be codified before they are posted on the village website, and that it is an expensive

process. Ordinances passed or updated in the past few years haven't been posted to the website. Richert said that village residents frequently check the village website to research ordinances, so having outdated ordinances on the website poses a problem for the police department. Richert will check with Village Administrator Melissa Luedke to learn when this revised ordinance will be posted on the website.

Motion (Leaf/Zais) to remove the language under section 90-9(c)(3). Motion carried.

Police Department Staffing and Coverage

Richert would like to increase the department staff. He can provide documentation to support the increase after January 1, 2019.

Police Department Capital / Equipment Planning

Nothing major in 2019 besides the replacement squad car, which has been ordered and the department will take delivery in 2019. Richert would like to allocate more of the department budget surplus for future capital equipment purchases.

Committee Goals

None.

Future Agenda Items

Social hosting ordinance; Amend Ordinance 38-7 – Burning Restricted.

Adjournment

Chair Zappa declared the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Anne-Marie McDonald
Recording Secretary