

**Village of North Hudson
Public Safety Meeting
Thursday, February 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 5:30 pm. Answering the call was Trustee Cathy Leaf. 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 January 10, 2019 Public Safety Meeting

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

Chief's Report

The village board approved the purchase of a 2019 Ford Explorer for the North Hudson Police Department (NHPD). Richert was notified that Ford Motor Company cancelled squad car orders after its request limit was filled, and North Hudson's order was one that was cancelled. Richert spoke with Connie at Hudson Ford and worked out a deal to order a 2020 Ford Explorer to be at the front of the list. The price of the 2020 model is around \$10,000 more than the 2019 model. Richert said that Hudson Ford's bid on the 2019 model was \$6500 lower than the other bid he received, and he guessed that the 2020 model would be similar. Hudson Ford has offered to offset much of the price increase for NHPD. The department's price for the 2019 would have been \$26,200, and Hudson Ford said the 2020 model will cost the department \$29,900. Richert will bring this new information to the Finance Committee in March.

Richert reported that the Incident Breakdown report showed nothing out of the ordinary. The incident involving the truck falling through the ice on the St. Croix River ended well. Training and communication changes by and between law enforcement agencies based on the response may take place in the future.

On the Written/Verbal Warnings report, Richert noted that the new officers will have numbers show up on future reports.

Richert spoke about the costs of the village municipal court and citation revenues for the village. He said that some written citations are not revenue citations, and don't cover all municipal court costs, nor should they. Having municipal versus circuit citations gives the department flexibility for officers having to be present at court and for citation recipients not have to report the citations in the future on job applications, etc.

Leaf asked if other ATV incidents had been reported. Richert stated that there were no complaints since last month. The department provided education to the family of two young ATV riders.

Social Hosting Ordinance

Due to officer training activities, Richert hasn't had time to research wording for the new ordinance and will do more in the future. He doesn't want to adopt the state statute as written.

Amend Ordinance 38-7 – Burning Restricted

The Hudson fire chief hasn't finished researching similar wording of a burning restriction ordinance for all jurisdictions; there is no action at this time.

Zais offered to speak with North Hudson Public Works Director Patrick Moos to determine a leaf disposal plan if burning restrictions are put in place.

Police Department Staffing and Coverage

Richert reported that there has been positive movement with the training of the two new officers. Officer Erickson has three days training remaining, and his first solo shift will be Monday, February 18, 2019. Erickson will have the afternoon shift with 6 days on and 3 days off. Erickson has previous experience on solo patrol with other agencies, and Richert is confident he will be fine. Officer Schettle has a step status meeting this Sunday to determine whether he can move from Step 2 to Step 3 of training. Step 2 allows the officer in training to take the lead on 40-60% of calls, and Step 3 allows the officer in training to take the lead in 80% of calls. Richert anticipates that Officer Schettle's first solo patrol shift will be April 1, 2019. Richert looks forward to returning to the day shift and addressing administrative activities he hasn't had time on which to work.

Police Department Capital / Equipment Planning

Richert is working on firming up the squad purchase. He will investigate replacement of the officers' handguns due to their age. He will compare 40 caliber to 9 mm weapons. This year would be a good transition time, and the cost would be insignificant with a buyback program.

Zais asked about the status of TriTech, the case management software used by St. Croix County, the village of North Hudson, and numerous other jurisdictions in the county. The county will have a demonstration by a different software vendor in March to compare with the current system. Richert said that an upgrade is much cheaper than moving to a new platform. The city of Hudson police department is lobbying to move to a different system; however, the county has to make the upgrade or replacement first, because the county manages the software licenses and has the servers.

Committee Goals

None.

Future Agenda Items

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

Richert asked if Zais or Leaf would like to see any other data or information than what Richert provides to them now. Neither Zais nor Leaf requested other information.

Adjournment

Chair Zais declared the meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Anne-Marie McDonald
Recording Secretary