

**Village of North Hudson
Public Safety Meeting
Thursday, May 9, 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 were Trustees Cathy Leaf and Philip Matz. 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 March 14, 2019 Public Safety Meeting

Motion (Leaf/Matz) to approve the minutes of March 14, 2019 meeting as written. Motion carried.

Chief's Report

Richert announced the resignation of the patrol sergeant, effective end of shift Saturday, May 11, 2019. The job posting for the position expires on May 21, 2019 at 4:30 pm. Requirements of the position include four years of full time law enforcement experience, associate's degree, and eligible to be certified in Wisconsin or pass a reciprocity exam from another state. Richert stated that one application has been received so far, and that seven applications were submitted for the previous patrol sergeant opening. He hopes to have someone on board by the end of July, 2019.

Richert reported that Officer Schettle was certified for solo patrol effective April 1, 2019. He is currently working a split shift. His shifts may change due to the patrol sergeant vacancy.

Richert stated that he accepted a summer intern before the sergeant vacancy occurred. The intern is Jared Johnson, a UW-River Falls Criminal Justice major, who has local ties to the community. Johnson will get some exposure to a small law enforcement agency, as well as Probation & Parole. He will work with the department for eight weeks at 40 hours per week. He will participate in ride alongs, Probation & Parole, operating radar equipment, and data gathering in the village. Leaf asked whether Richert will have time to work with the intern given that there is a vacancy in the department. Richert said that he will make sure there are enough activities in which Johnson can participate. He said it wouldn't be fair to rescind Johnson's internship at the last minute, so Richert will make sure Johnson has sufficient experiences during his time with the department.

Richert discussed the Ride to School with the Chief, which is part of the department's Community Connections program. On April 24, two sibling students were picked up at home by Chief Richert, taken to Freedom Valu Center for juice and doughnuts, and then given a ride to North Hudson Elementary school with lights. The chief has received lots of positive feedback about this event from Kids' Carnival participants and organizers.

Richert will participate in North Hudson's Neighborhood Watch Safe Summer Sendoff on June 22, 2019 from 10 am to 12 pm. The event will include a bike rodeo and other activities.

The chief reviewed the Incident Breakdown and Written/Verbal Warning/Citation Tallies by Officer reports for the past two months. He explained the reports for Matz's benefit. The overtime paid out report is published quarterly and will be discussed at the June Public Safety meeting.

Fireworks Paraphernalia License Application

Richert reviewed a fireworks paraphernalia license application from a village resident. Leaf asked what will be the posted hours for the business. Richert wasn't sure what they would be – there is no place on the application for hours of business. He said that former owner Marc Zappa would provide that information on his applications. Richert suggested that Village Administrator Melissa Luedke could add that item to the application form.

Motion (Leaf/Matz) to approve the application for a Fireworks Paraphernalia License – Temporary Use Permit to Caroline Whaley with the following inclusions: “No Smoking” signs must be displayed, fire extinguishers available, no fireworks sold to person(s) under 18 years of age, operation not to exceed 180 days per calendar year. Motion carried.

Social Hosting Ordinance

Richert provided background information on the proposed ordinance to Matz before the meeting. Richert has not reached out to the village attorney to discuss wording of the ordinance.

Amend Ordinance 38-7 – Burning Restricted

Richert is waiting for contact with the Hudson fire chief to move forward. Zais offered to contact the fire chief. Zais spoke with Public Works Director Patrick Moos regarding the possibility of residents delivery yard waste to the village shop yards during designated times. Moos said there isn't enough room at the Public Works shop facility to store yard waste, and there is no guarantee that only yard waste will be left there. Richert said prior committee chair Marc Zappa asked whether this issue should be addressed by Public Safety or Public Welfare.

Police Department Staffing and Coverage

The vacancy for the patrol sergeant has been posted. Richert will work with the new sergeant to create a presentation to recommend adding an officer to the department. He would like to discuss this topic with the committee before budget planning begins in August and September. Richert will have some time to work on this proposal during his day shifts in the coming weeks. Richert asked the committee to provide him with advice regarding what types of data or statistics would be valuable when discussing the need to add another officer to the department.

Police Department Capital / Equipment Planning

Richert said there are no capital items other than swap out of the officers' 40 caliber handguns with 9mm models. He will gather information before discussions during budget planning. Leaf asked when the new patrol vehicle will be delivered. Richert said vehicles will begin shipping in late July or early August, and he isn't sure when North Hudson will receive its new vehicle, probably in the fall.

Committee Goals

None.

Future Agenda Items

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

Richert asked whether anything regarding the Pepper Fest Park expansion project should be discussed by the Public Safety committee. Zais stated that discussions will begin with the Public Works committee. Zais will present an overall plan to the village board at its next meeting. Zais reported that ownership of the home behind the current park will be transferred to Pepper Fest at the end of May. Zais doesn't think Public Safety will be affected during Pepper Fest this year. Richert heard the department will have some space allocated to it in the new building. Zais said there will be space for the police department in the future, but it won't be available before Pepper Fest 2019.

Zais said he has been approached by several residents regarding continued Ferry Landing boat launch issues. The committee agreed not to put this item on the Public Safety meeting agenda. Richert isn't sure whether there are enforcement issues or further ordinances are needed. Richert said the Park Board can invite him to their meeting to discuss any potential changes. Leaf asked Richert whether he has received any complaints. Richert said that he has had several residents approach him to say more restrictions are needed. Richert reiterated that the North Hudson Police Department (NHPD) will enforce any ordinances approved by the Park Board or other committee in the village, and that the police department cannot create ordinances on its own. Richert explained that there was no department coverage until 7 pm on weekends in 2018 due to being short two officers.

Adjournment

Chair Zais declared the meeting adjourned at 5:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Anne-Marie McDonald
Recording Secretary