

**Village of North Hudson
Public Safety Meeting
Thursday, October 12, 2017, 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 p.m. 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 August 10, 2017 Public Safety Meeting

Motion (Leaf/Zais) to approve the minutes of August 10, 2017 meeting as written. Motion carried.

Chief's Report

Police Department Vacancy: Richert reported that one of his officers has been released from probation, so the department has an opening. The job listing will be posted until October 23. Testing will take place Saturday, November 4, 2017, and interviews will be conducted Saturday, December 2, 2017. Richert anticipates having the position filled in mid-January 2018. The remaining candidates could be placed on an eligibility list, which would be used in the event of another vacancy.

Run with a Cop: North Hudson Police Department was represented by Officer Moody at the Run with a Cop event in River Falls on Tuesday, October 10, 2017. This is the second year of the event, which raises money for Special Olympics Wisconsin; NHPD has participated both years.

Police Cruiser vandalized: Sergeant Boese assisted Hudson Police Department with a domestic call last evening between 10:38 and 10:54 p.m. near the AT&T and Nor Lake buildings in downtown Hudson. While he was assisting, his police vehicle was vandalized. The radio antenna was torn from the car and used to damage both front windows and the windshield. In addition, one side mirror was kicked off and a door was damaged. Sergeant Boese discovered the damage when he returned to North Hudson to respond to another call. When Sergeant Boese returned to Hudson, he found the antenna laying on the sidewalk where his car had been parked. The squad dash camera was not turned on because the sergeant didn't respond to the city of Hudson call with lights and siren. His body camera was turned on, and shows two people walking across the street, but the lighting isn't very good to be able to identify the individuals. The damage total is estimated at \$2500. Richert will submit the claim to insurance to be processed.

New base radio system: The new digital base radio is installed, and is compatible with the upcoming digital law enforcement frequency going into effect in April, 2018.

Overtime expenses are under budget for 2017. With the officer vacancy, Richert doesn't see that changing for the remainder of 2017. Richert is taking some shifts this weekend.

The fall motorcycle run is this Saturday, October 14, 2017.

Incident Breakdown: Citations and tally totals for officers is nothing out of the ordinary, and no uptick has been noted. Richert worked some shifts in September. Zappa asked for a description of “Public Assist” calls. Richert explained that those are calls for assistance, such as opening locked vehicles.

Zais mentioned that several residents asked on social media about people looking in vehicles around the Freedom station. St. Croix County Sheriff’s department responded to the scene and identified the people. The deputy did not catch anyone looking in vehicles. Richert spoke with one of the residents who had posted on social media, and she said she had been contacted by one of the suspected parties. This individual had been very drunk and didn’t remember events that evening. The police department has had no contact with these individuals since the date in question.

FY2018 Budget

After Richert’s first meeting with Finance, the requested police department budget is intact at this point.

Police Department Staffing and Coverage

Richert is working to fill the officer vacancy.

Police Department Capital / Equipment Planning

Richert reported that the village budget is projected to have a fairly substantial surplus for 2017, compared to what had been forecast. The Village Administrator, Melissa Luedke, and the Finance Committee recommended moving some capital items from the 2018 budget for the Finance Committee to approve for purchase in 2017.

Committee Goals

None

Future Agenda Items

Discuss who should serve on Appeals panel for sex offender restrictions, due to an opening on the panel.

Adjournment

Chair Zappa declared the meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Anne-Marie McDonald
Recording Secretary