

**Village of North Hudson  
Public Safety Meeting  
Thursday, February 9, 2017, 5:30 p.m.  
Village Hall, 400 7<sup>th</sup> 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 was Trustee Tim Zais. A quorum was present and the meeting was duly noticed. It was noted that Trustee Kirk Nelson was not present. Also in attendance were Police Chief Mark Richert and Recording Secretary Anne-Marie McDonald.

**Comments from the floor**

None

**Approval of minutes from January 12, 2017 Public Safety Meeting**

**Motion (Zais/Zappa) to approve the minutes of January 12, 2017 meeting as written. Motion carried.**

**Chief's Report**

Ferry Landing Park: The North Hudson Park Board is moving forward with an ordinance to address resident complaints about noise and personal watercraft groups overtaking the beach at Ferry Landing Park. Richert has advised the Park Board to include the following in the ordinance: prohibit gas cans in the park or on the beach; prohibit beaching of watercraft south of the pedestrian walkway; create a defined swim area which will prohibit boats from the area. Zais asked what behavior will change if the ordinance is enacted. Richert stated that watercraft will no longer be able to re-fuel if no gas cans are allowed on the beach. Zais asked for clarification of the swim area. The swim area will be designated by buoys and signs, and flyers will be posted to educate visitors about the rule changes in the park.

Civil Disturbance Training: With protests becoming more prevalent, Richert wants some education for his officers regarding civil disturbances. Washington County, MN Sheriff's Department is offering free training in March and April 2017, and Richert will send officers to this training. In addition, the Center for Domestic Preparedness in Anniston, AL is offering free training, which includes transportation, lodging, food, and training expenses. Richert will submit applications for officers to attend the training.

Community Justice Collaborating Council (CJCC): In 2016, Richert became the St. Croix County Chiefs Association representative to the CJCC. Richert serves on two subcommittees of CJCC, Mental Health, and Domestic Abuse and Family Issues. Currently, law enforcement staff who determine an emergency detention is needed must transport a person to Winnebago Hospital near Appleton for a psych hold. For North Hudson law enforcement, that entails a 4-5 hour trip both ways to take the person to Winnebago. The Mental Health subcommittee is working with area hospitals to build a psych unit, which is not a profitable venture. Hospitals in Eau Claire and Western Wisconsin are investigating their options. As part of the Domestic Abuse & Family Issues subcommittee, Richert was asked to gather domestic abuse data for all agencies. Wisconsin doesn't have specific charges for domestic abuse, so it is difficult to gather and report accurate data.

NHPD Radio Channel Antennae: Richert received notice from Kip Peters with the City of Hudson, that the Lemon Street water tower will have maintenance done on it later this year. The North Hudson police radio antennae located on that tower will be removed during maintenance. The department can work without the local frequency until Pepper Fest, but it must be available by that weekend.

Incident Breakdown: The Committee reviewed recent cases and traffic and municipal citation tallies for January.

### **ATV/UTV Ordinance**

Zais spoke with DNR representative Little and asked whether signage can note where ATV routes are not allowed. The answer is no, ATV routes must have signage. Little said that the required parts of an ATV route are Enforcement, Ordinance, and Signage. Zais looked at Siren, Wisconsin's ATV routes, including roads which didn't have signs. North Hudson has a different setup (closed system) from Siren's, with no trails into or out of town. Zappa said it isn't fair to create ATV routes unless all residents can use the routes. Zais believes there is nothing else to be done regarding this issue. If an ordinance is approved, all 17 miles of road in North Hudson would have to be posted for ATV routes. This topic will be removed from the Public Safety agenda. Little stated there is nothing more to be reviewed unless the Wisconsin legislature changes regulations.

### **Police Department Staffing and Coverage**

The situation regarding Hudson's EMS service being taken private has changed in the last few weeks and may fall through. With this development, the money for an additional law enforcement position goes away. March 3, 2017 is the last day of field training for Sergeant Boese. He will be in full rotation after that day.

### **Police Department Capital / Equipment Planning**

The law enforcement radios will be updated later this year, and Richert will investigate what is the cost of the upgrade.

### **Committee Goals**

Nothing new.

### **Future Agenda Items**

None

### **Adjournment**

Chair Zappa declared the meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Anne-Marie McDonald  
Recording Secretary