

**Village of North Hudson
Public Safety Meeting
Thursday, August 11, 2016, 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 Tim Zais and Kirk Nelson. 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 July 14, 2016 Public Safety Meeting

Motion (Nelson/Zais) to approve the minutes of July 14, 2016 meeting as written. Motion carried.

Chief's Report

Resident complaints about personal watercraft on Ferry Landing Beach: The chief will attend the September Park Board meeting to discuss residents' complaints about jet skis in the area of Ferry Landing Beach.

Incident numbers review: Nothing major to report on incidents.

New patrol officer: Officer Mann has started his training, and won't see any incident activity for a few weeks. It is anticipated he will begin solo patrols around October 31, 2016.

ATV use in the Village

Residents David Nyberg and Frank Halvorson were present to discuss Halvorson's request to allow ATV usage on roads in the Village. The Chief provided information to the committee from the DNR about the Wisconsin ATV/UTV rules and regulations, also some information from the DNR regarding where ATV/UTVs' can be used, and their use on public roadways and highways. Currently, there is no operation of ATV/UTVs' allowed within the village limits based on a lot of restrictions that the DNR puts into place. The one way in which ATV's could be used on public roadways, would be to have designated ATV/UTV routes. The routes would need to be defined by signage. The only place where ATV use would be permitted is on the designated route. ATV use is not allowed on State Highways, however they can be crossed. The desire is to access the St. Croix River via Sommers St. N. Richert expressed reservations about ATV usage on roads: vehicles driven by minors who may not know road rules; impaired drivers. Richert mentioned that it may be possible to tailor an ordinance to restrict ATV usage to river access only. Zappa expressed a concern that Village law enforcement staff level is down and he is concerned about adding additional duties. Halvorson and Nyberg offered to investigate Bayport, Minnesota's ATV regulations and identify a contact at the DNR. Halvorson to provide contact information to Richert for the communities being researched before the next Public Safety meeting.

Review of Interagency Agreement with School District of Hudson

Richert met with Tony at the Hudson school district office to create agreements regarding types of student information which can be shared with police departments and other agencies. He will have the village attorney review the agreement.

Police Department Staffing and Coverage

Officer Mann has started field training; his prior experience is helpful. He will fit well with the community and is doing a good job. There were nine applicants for the sergeant's position, and seven met the minimum qualifications. September 10, 2016 is testing day and October 22, 2016 is the interview date. Richert anticipates the hire date to be early December, with a month of training to follow.

FY2017 Budget

Richert has not received worksheets for 2017 budget. 2016 wages are on budget; gas and uniform costs were below budget. Should be status quo for next year. Some purchased items were paid for with grant money. Richert doesn't anticipate any capital needs in 2017.

Police Department Capital / Equipment Planning

No capital purchases are planned for 2017.

Committee Goals

Try to hire one additional police officer.

Future Agenda Items

ATV use in the Village.

Adjournment

Chair Zappa declared the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Anne-Marie McDonald
Recording Secretary