

**Village of North Hudson
Public Safety Meeting
Thursday, September 8, 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 August 11, 2016 Public Safety Meeting

Motion (Nelson/Zais) to approve the minutes of August 11, 2016 meeting as written. Motion carried.

Chief's Report

Resident complaints about excessive speed: The department has received two complaints about motorists using excessive speed on Sixth Street North and one complaint about speed on Monroe Street North between 4th and 6th Streets. The officers ran radar on Monroe Street and clocked no motorist driving higher than 29 mph. The department will monitor speeds and increase radar patrols. Zappa suggested using the new flashing speed limit sign, and Richert said he can install it on Highway 35 next week.

Incident numbers review: Nothing outstanding to report on incidents. The tallies include the chief's activities, due to training the new officer. Officer Mann will start to report incidents in September.

2016 department costs: The overtime costs for 2016 are well under budget.

ATV use in the Village

Resident Frank Halvorson provided Richert with a list of communities which allow ATV usage in their areas. Some of the communities don't have ordinances addressing ATV usage, so they were eliminated from consideration. Of the remaining municipalities, four are in Wisconsin and one, Bayport, is in Minnesota. Most ordinances adopt state statute, may include usage on defined streets, and specify hours of operation. Bayport, MN's ordinance states that users may travel from their residence to the ATV route using the most direct access. Bayport's chief suggested including language to allow only recreational use of ATVs and define minimum allowable age for operation of ATVs. Wisconsin statute states that ATVs may only be used on a defined route. Richert will ask the DNR whether Wisconsin statute allows ATVs to be driven from a residence to the ATV route. Further details of the possible ordinance in North Hudson were discussed.

FY2017 Budget

Richert has to meet with the village administrator, Gloria Troester, to finalize the department budget. The wages total for 2017 will be lower than the current projected number due to lower salaries for the new officer and new sergeant. Projected 2016 final costs will be about \$5800 under budget. Zappa asked Richert to collect the costs associated with hiring the new officer for future reference and possible future budget item. Current proposed 2017 budget will increase about 1.6%, however, that number may be lower when the lower salaries are entered into the budget.

Police Department Staffing and Coverage

Officer Mann is on track to move into Step 3 of training next week. He will be on his own just before Halloween. Five sergeant candidates will complete testing on Saturday, September 10, 2016. There is a rumor circulating that the North Hudson Police Department is dissolving – this rumor is not true. Zappa and Richert recounted the story of a recent welfare check visit made to a village resident by Chief Richert and Officer Mann.

Police Department Capital / Equipment Planning

No capital purchases are planned for 2017.

Committee Goals

2017 Budget

Future Agenda Items

2017 Budget; ATV use in the Village

Adjournment

Chair Zappa declared the meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Anne-Marie McDonald
Recording Secretary