Village of Winneconne

Public Safety Committee

Minutes June 3rd, 2019 3:00pm

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm by Chair Brenda Kubasta. Present were: Trustee Brenda Kubasta, Trustee Steve Foster, Trustee Jackie Kasubaski and Police Chief Paul Olson.

Public Participation: None

Communications: None

Motion by Kubasta second by Foster to approve May 13th, 2019 minutes all ayes, Kasubaski abstain

Staff Reports:

- Officer Schroeder resigned and went to Berlin PD for a full-time position
- In the process of hiring waiting on backgrounds and blood test results

Statistics: (through the 25th of the month)

Incidents—1338 Citations—34 (11 ordinance, 23 traffic) Warnings—32 Traffic Stops—55

Ordinances—30 Disturbances—4 Animal—8 Motorist assist—3 Welfare check—3

Reckless Driver—2 Theft—1 Suspicious person/incident—5 Alcohol—0 OWI—0 Drugs—1 Parking—62 (36 tickets)

Open doors—9 Juvenile—13 Accident—4 Harassment—1 Damage—2 Alarm—1 Fire Calls—1 Noise/Negligible Problem—0

Hazard—8 Fraud—2 Med Assist—2 Building checks—880 Community Policing—112

Assists total (general)—24 Assist Omro—6 Assist County Sheriff—5 Other Agencies—1 (OPD)

Building checks to Municipal Water Facilities– 76 (203 S 3rd St, 90 Tower Road, 410 Meadow Lane, 300 Washington)

Calls to the schools: 27 (15.8 hours)

Elementary School: 911 hang up (5 min), (3) Juvenile out of control (104 min), Juvenile Bullying (12 min), Child custody (34 min), medical (33 min), battery (49 min), Suspicious person (4 min), Assist (boyfriend, girlfriend, ex-husband disturbance) (40 min)

Middle School: (3) Juvenile out of control (64 min), Juvenile parent concern (43 min), Juvenile dance (19 min)
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High School: Fire Alarm (8 min), Juvenile living arrangement concerns (51 min), theft (40 min), Disturbance physical (97 min), Info TP (35 min), Truancy (87 min), Assist helped review cameras (58 min), Child abuse (73 min), Assist check doors per school request (15 min), Harassment (45 min), 911 open line (34 min)

Kasubaski asked if citations were part of the total incidents. Olson explained they were not, but traffic stops, and ordinances were. Traffic citations and warnings were part of traffic stops and ordinance citations were a part of ordinances. Also, parking citations were not a part of the total incidents just a part of parking.

**Highlights**

On May 18, 2019 at 8:50a Officer Sorensen was dispatched to a local retail outlet for a harassment complaint. When he arrived, he spoke with an individual that works at a local industrial business with the other individual who was eventually issued a citation in this incident. The defendant left his place of employment on bad terms and he did not like anyone that worked there. The defendant ultimately spit on the complainant’s vehicle and readily admitted doing so.

On May 18, 2019 at 2:15p Officer Sorensen was dispatched to St. Elizabeth’s Emergency room for a report of a child sexual assault of a 2-year-old female. The mother of the child complained that the grandmother did these things to her child. There is a current custody battle over the child. The nurse practitioner stated she believed the mother was coaching the child. After a lengthy investigation and SANE examination, it was determined that the evidence did not show that sexual activity occurred. This case was referred to Social Services for their review.

On May 20th, 2019 at 4:30p, Officer Honer was called to a residence in reference to some follow up regarding some issues involving their daughter and her boyfriend. On a previous contact the boyfriend was told not to contact his girlfriend by any means. This was after the boyfriend physically battered her at school. The boyfriend continued to contact her, and the parents were concerned. Comments were made that he would not let her go. Officer Honer contacted the boyfriend at school the following morning and interrogated him. The individual admitted to contacting his ex-girlfriend after specifically stating no to do this. The individual was arrested for intimidation of a victim and harassment.

Items for Discussion: Olson presented a fact sheet of a golf cart ordinance. Olson explained that Brillion has an ordinance in place but also has a golf course in their city. The Police Department would inspect each golf cart and issue a trail pass if it met the ordinance requirements. Also relayed was golf carts are typically built much differently than low speed vehicles and are build cheaper and accidents tend to be more severe. Street legal golf carts require vehicle insurance. The Committee asked that we table this subject until the next meeting to gather public opinion.
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Olson relayed to the Committee that snowmobiles have caused some damage along the route including in the parks. It was also relayed that Twin Harbor Drive residents do not want the trail going past their place.

**Old Business:** Consider recommending the SRO position to the Village Board. Olson explained the SRO position and asked the Committee to recommend it to the Village Board after going over the contract and information sheet on the SRO position. **Motion by Kasubaski Second by Kubasta to recommend to the Village Board the School Resource Officer Position to start in the upcoming school year, all Ayes.**

**New Business:** none

**Next Meeting:** July 1st, 2019, 3:00pm

Motion to adjourn: Forster, second Kasubaski all Ayes.

Respectfully submitted Paul Olson, Police Chief
School Resource Officer Position (SRO)

Why is there a need for this position?

The Police Department has been tasked, for some time, to handle all law violations and criminal activity that happen at the schools. Our calls for service have risen progressively over the last 3 years. In 2017 we handled 182 calls and in 2018 we handled 208. 2019 we are on our way to at least match 2018’s numbers. I feel we are no longer able to provide the Village residents the service they expect with the amount of time spent at the schools. In the past, the School District as not contributed monetarily to the Police Department. Ideally, the SRO would establish a relationship with many students thereby reducing the amount of criminal activity and violations in the future.

Monetarily, what is the Village’s responsibility?

The School District is willing to pay a total of $63,779.07 to the Village in the first year. The Officer would work at the District for 190 days. Our total cost for a full-time officer with at least 3 years’ experience is $91,576.00. The listed numbers include salary and benefits. The amount would be adjusted annually based on contractual increases. We would have the officer back in the summer months. This position would be non-union. We can use that officer to fill in for summer vacations and training for the other officers. Also, the SRO would be asked to use their vacation time in the summer rather than during the school year. I will look for the replacement of this patrol officer in early 2020. I have an ideal candidate currently working on our Department that the School District is also on board with. In speaking with the Ripon Police Chief, Omro Police Chief and Berlin Police Captain, Berlin and Omro receive a number very close to what the School District is willing to pay. Ripon receives much less for their SRO. The State trend is going towards a 50:50 split.

Will this position be a benefit?

The effectiveness of the SRO position will be based on established goals agreed upon by the Village Police Department and the School District. An evaluation tool specific to the SRO position will be developed and utilized. This tool will include language specific to the law enforcement agency’s expectations as well as the school district’s expectations. This position’s effectiveness will be re-evaluated on a yearly basis.