

Village of Winneconne
Public Safety Committee

Minutes

August 5th, 2024, 4:30pm

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:33pm by Chairman Bouras. Present were, Trustee Kubasta, Trustee Stelzner, and Chief Sauriol.

Approve July 8th, 2024, PSC meeting minutes.

Motion by Trustee Kubasta. Seconded by Trustee Stelzner. All ayes. July 8th, 2024, PSC meeting minutes approved.

Public Participation: None

Communications: Chairman Bouras stated the fishing tournament participants at Waterfront Park were being loud and yelling at 5am and he stated vehicles were parked in the grass and in odd spots on S 1st St. Chief Sauriol stated he will have an officer make contact with the fishing tournament people when they are setting up in the morning and explain to them the complaint. Chief Sauriol stated he will look into whether special no parking signs should be installed.

Old Business

Chief Sauriol recapped who was hired as the new 5th full-time officer and stated a former part-time officer is returning to work part-time. Chief Sauriol stated the part-time officer will be able to work a lot of shifts.

New Business

Chief Sauriol stated he is working with Administrator Fuller on the FY25 Police Department budget.

Chief Sauriol discussed the need to create a proper gun range at the compost site stating the officers shoot there now and it's not properly set up and can be very muddy. Chief Sauriol stated having an improved area to shoot/train is important to maintain standards and keep fresh with skills. Chief Sauriol stated SRO Honer is the firearms instructor and he is working with the DPW Director on coming up with a layout.

Chief Sauriol stated the police department needs a proper garage to protect the squads, store equipment and evidence that can't fit in the police department. Chief Sauriol stated he also needs an area for impounded vehicles. Currently impounded vehicles are stored at the Wastewater Treatment plant but having a proper area will allow the police to properly inventory stored vehicles and prevent space issues with DPW. Chief Sauriol stated an idea is to have a metal garage built next to the Johnson Building and metal ones can be built for a low cost. Chief Sauriol stated he is looking for other ideas as well. Chairman Bouras stated there may be a possibility DPW may get a new garage at some point in the future and there could be options with that for the police.

Chief Sauriol discussed the burning ordinance and talked about the last complaint about illegal burning. Chief Sauriol stated the night shift officer investigated the allegations of a resident burning shingles and said the officer stated there was no evidence of that as the fire was all ashes. Chief Sauriol stated if we get called to illegal burning, we need to see evidence that the fire is illegal, and we are doing our best but the complaints need to come in right away.

Chief Sauriol stated the current ordinance prohibits burning of leaves, green yard waste like grass and weeds and the ordinance prohibits burning of garbage and treated wood/lumber. The only thing that can be burned are things like dry wood of a certain size, sticks, or any kind of natural wood. Chief Sauriol stated campfires are legal.

Confirm next meeting date:

Sept 9th, 2024, 4:30pm Village Hall

Adjourn:

Motioned by Trustee Kubasta. Seconded by Chairman Bouras. Motion carried at 5:20pm.