

# ***Public Safety Committee***

## ***Minutes***

**January 20, 2025, 4:30pm**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:30pm by Chairman Bouras. Present were, Trustee Kubasta, Trustee Stelzner, and Chief Sauriol.

**Approval of the December 9th, 2024, PSC meeting minutes.**

Motion by Trustee Kubasta. Seconded by Trustee Stelzner. All ayes. Meeting minutes approved.

**Public Participation:** None

**Communications:** None

**Old Business:**

Chief Sauriol updated the committee about the new squads. Chief Sauriol stated the squads arrived and one is being outfitted at Frank's Radio in Manitowoc. The other one will be outfitted after the first one. Chief Sauriol stated when both squads are outfitted the decals for the SRO squad will be put on by Graphic Designs in Ripon.

Chief Sauriol stated he is close to finishing up WILEAG's Core-Verification accreditation program soon and that a mock assessment was completed. Chief Sauriol stated the mock assessment is the first process before the actual assessment.

**New Business**

Chief Sauriol updated the committee on the results of the FY24 police budget. Chief Sauriol stated as of today, it appears the PD spent 5-6% over the budgeted amount. Chief Sauriol stated that is due to two full-time officers having to take a pay out of their banked comp time which was not budgeted and that the part-time wages were under budgeted. Chief Sauriol stated comp and overtime hours were budgeted for in FY25 as well as the appropriate hours for part-time officers.

Chief Sauriol stated there were some people concerned about political campaign signs still being displayed in yards. Chief Sauriol stated having a campaign yard sign in one's own yard is protected by the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment and unless there is a zoning issue or a sign that is causing a hazard, then the signs can remain. Chief Sauriol also cited the 2015 US Supreme Court case, Reed v Town of Gilbert where a similar issue came before the court. Chief Sauriol stated the

Supreme Court held that political or religious yard signs cannot be removed as it is protected speech.

Chief Sauriol briefed the committee on the procedures regarding junk vehicles, long grass, and snow removal ordinances.

**Confirm next meeting date:**

February 17th, 2025, 4:30pm Village Hall.

Adjourn:

Motioned by Trustee Kubasta. Seconded by Trustee Stelzner. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5pm.