PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

December 21, 2016

6:00 PM

**1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 PM**

**Roll Call:**

Barb Jordan, Chair

Jim Houdek

Venise Mugler

Sue Kozlowski

Greg Sondalle

Meg McCullough (arrived at 6:07 PM)

Kelly Kenitz

Others Present:

Chief Bubolz

Chief Olson

Officer Roberts

**2. Fire Department:**

**A.** Old Business: None

B. New Business:

Chief Bubolz read his monthly incident report for November 2016. (Copy attached) Motion by

Sondalle, second by Kozlowski to accept monthly report. Motion carried.

Chief Bubolz stated that he will be beginning his building/fire inspections shortly.

Chief Olson thanked Glen for the generous donation given to MPD and other public service agencies

by Arimon Technologies and its employees.

Chief Olson requested a moment of silence for the 14 Law Enforcement Officers that lost their lives

during the month of November.

**3. Police Department:**

Old Business: Douglas Street Parking

Chief Olson is recommending that there will be no on street parking on the east side of Douglas

Avenue from Forest Lane to Locust Lane. This change is being recommended to facilitate access for

all vehicles. Chief Bubolz also agreed with this change. Citizens can voice their opinion on this change

at the January 18, 2017 6:00 PM Public Safety Meeting. A letter is being sent to property owners

affected in this area.

New Business:

A. New Committee Member

Chair Jordan introduced and welcomed new committee member Kelly Kenitz.

B. Snow Ordinance Enforcement

Chief Olson reported that to date 16 parking citations were issued for overnight parking and 16 snow

shovel directives were given to our city contracted agent.

C. Change in Procedure

The first item for business on all committee agendas shall be “approve previous month’s committee

minutes.” The reason: In case there are any changes or additions to the committee minutes they will

come before the council as “draft” minutes.

D. Shop with a Cop

On December 14, 2016 Chief Olson, Officer Roberts, grade school staff and National Honor

Society took 50 kids to Walmart in Portage where they were allowed $50 each to purchase gifts for

themselves and family members. This was made possible by the penny wars at school as well as

donations from businesses and community members. Chief Olson said this went very well and there

were some very happy kids. Chief Olson thanked all for their donations and help with the project.

E. Update on Officer Roberts

Chief Olson stated he is pleased with Officer Roberts’s job performance. Chief Olson read a letter he

received from a car accident victim from Minnesota who was assisted by Officer Roberts. He was

extremely appreciative of Officer Roberts assistance and his professionalism.

Mugler asked Roberts if he was looking for another job and Roberts stated “no.” He stated that all is

going well.

F. Citizens Police Academy

Chief Olson is considering starting a 4-6 week Citizens Academy where a group would meet and

discuss topics that the police department deals with on a regular basis. This would be a good way for

Public Safety Committee members as well as local citizens to see what all is involved regarding MPD

procedures etc. Chief Olson asked for input regarding curriculum and what people would be

interested in. Chief Olson will keep the committee informed of the progress of getting this started.

Barb Jordan mentioned that two Public Safety Committee members have done a Ride-Along

with Chief Olson and others should consider it also. Eventually this will also be available to the Public.

G. Citizen Comments: None

H. Monthly Reports

Monthly reports were reviewed and discussed. Motion by Mugler, second by Houdek to accept

monthly reports. Motion carried.

Chief Olson mentioned the positive public relations in the local paper and Facebook that MPD has

received lately giving examples of the Drug Drop-off Box, free gun locks, Shop with a Cop, escorting

Santa, etc.

**4. Any Other Business**

McCullough was asked about underage drinking policy and stated that alcohol is regulated under

local control and that tobacco is federally regulated.

**5. Adjournment**

Motion by Sondalle, second by Mugler to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 6:41 PM

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 6:00 PM