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