PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

6:00 PM

**1. Call to Order:** 6:00 PM

**Roll Call:**

Barb Jordan, Chair

Jim Houdek

Venise Mugler

Sue Kozlowski

Kelly Kenitz

Seth Hardell (6:12 PM)

Bill Faulkner-Absent, Excused

Others Present:

Chief Olson

Chief Bubolz

Officer Kierstyn

Scott Zuehls

**2. Fire Department:**

Old Business: None

New Business:

Chief Bubolz read his monthly report.

Joint Fire District 2018 budget passed.

In 2018 there will be more discretion used for EMS calls in paging out the Fire Department Rescue as

in many cases they are not needed; however the patient receives a bill for these services.

**3. Police Department:**

Old Business:

Pedestrian Crossing Markers-School Area

Chief Olson has met with Rick from Building & Grounds at Montello Schools to discuss this need.

They determined that 4 signs are needed; 3 would be placed on Forest Lane and 1 would be placed

on the crosswalk on Park Street near the athletic field. The issue is cost.

Motion by Kozlowski, second by Houdek to recommend that the cost be split between the school,

the Public Works Dept. and the Montello Police Department. Motion carried.

There was also discussion regarding the purchase of 4 pedestrian cross walk signs to be placed on all

4 entrances into the City on the state highways at an approximate cost of $450 each. Chief advised

that the Chamber has pledged $500 towards this purchase. Chief has also discussed this request with

the Mayor.

New Business:

A. Budget Carryover

Chief Olson stated there are still a few items he needs to purchase for the Department with 2017

budget funds; however due to responsible spending and the fact that the Department was without a

full time officer for several months this summer there are additional funds remaining in the 2017

budget. Motion by Mugler, second by Houdek to place $20,000 in a CD for future use by MPD.

B. Municipal Court Fine & Payment History

Chief recently attended the Marquette County Joint Municipal Court meeting. The Court is

functioning well and all expenses are being paid. The focus is on collecting outstanding fines.

Chief presented a report of the Fine and Payment History (by year). The City of Montello

currently has an outstanding payment balance of $38,984.94

C. Thefts

Chief Olson reported that there have been thefts involving 7 vehicles in the Forest Lane area

as well as vehicles entered where nothing was taken. The area has been canvassed by Chief

Olson and Officer Kierstyn alerting these residents via a flyer to lock their vehicle doors. Cash,

hunting equipment, clothes and a phone are some of the items that were taken.

At this time Officer Walker Kierstyn introduced himself to the Committee as he has been unable

to attend this meeting since being hired. Welcome Officer Kierstyn.

D. Chief of Police Association

Chief Olson stated he will be joining this organization at an annual cost of $130. The membership

Includes a number of free trainings along with multiple networking opportunities.

E. Shop with a Cop

Chief Olson advised that MPD is partnering again this year with Forest Lane Elementary in this

Program. Forest Lane students are currently involved in a penny war to help raise funds for this

event. MPD also received a $1,000 grant from Walmart in Portage of which $500 will be put

towards this event and $500 will be put in the DARE Program fund.

Chief Olson also reported that today he was presented a check from Arimon Technologies for

$250 which will also be put in the DARE Program fund. Thank you Arimon Technologies.

F. Citizen Comments

Scott Zuehls inquired as to the recent incident involving a group of ATVers that were off the

marked trails. Chief Olson stated he believes the incident was handled by Marquette Co. Sheriff’s

Department and suggested Zuehls contact them for any information. Chief stated he has no

complaints with the local ATV club other than an occasional speeder. Zuehls advised the Chief

if he sees a problem to “write a ticket.”

Jordan advised the committee members that it has been proposed to the Council for all

Committee Members to receive a stipend of $30 for attending committee meetings.

G. Monthly Reports

Reports were presented by Chief Olson and reviewed by the Committee.

Motion by Kenitz, second by Mugler to accept monthly reports. Motion carried.

4. Any Other Business: None

5. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Mugler, second by Houdek. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 6:47 PM

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at 6:00 PM

Minutes submitted by Jean Sheller