PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

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

Bill Faulkner

**Others Present:**

Karyn niin Kitigade

Joe Harris

Chief Richard Olson

Chief Glen Bubolz

Officer Brock Holmes

**2. Fire Department:**

Old Business: None

New Business:

Chief Bubolz read his monthly report (copy attached.)

Firemen’s Fund Raiser to be held Saturday, March 24, 2018.

**3. Police Department:**

Old Business: Squad Computer

Chief Olson stated the new squad computer has arrived and should be “squad ready” within the next

few weeks. He expressed concern regarding the time frame involved in purchasing new equipment

as some items are essential to the operation of the Department. The Committee process is long

involving approval from the Committee and then on to the City Council for approval as well. There

was discussion/agreement that in the future if this occurs and there is money in the Department’s

budget that the item can be purchased after discussion with the Department Head and the Mayor.

New Business:

A. Buffalo Lake/CTH C Walk-Karyn niin Kitigade

Karyn presented her event form requesting permission for this “water walk” on 9/29/18 beginning at

8:30 AM in Packwaukee following CTH C 8.4 miles to More Healthy Foods in Montello. She stated

the purpose of this walk along Buffalo Lake is to bring awareness and educate people to take

responsibility for our water. She stated prior to beginning the walk, safety awareness will be

discussed and several participants will be wearing orange vests. Chief Olson also suggested

a few signs be posted along CTH C stating the event is occurring so vehicles slow down. She

estimated possibly 25 people will participate and the event will take 3-4 hours. As no streets are

being closed, no motion was required and this walk was approved.

B. Memorial Day Street Closure-Joe Harris

Joe as Commander of the American Legion presented his event form requesting street closure on

Park Street from Douglas Avenue to STH 23 for the Memorial Day parade and speeches on

Monday, May 28, 2018 at the Veteran’s Memorial. Joe will contact the Marq. Co. Highway Dept.

for barricades. Chief Olson stated there have been no problems in the past and there is always

police presence for this. Motion by Kenitz, second by Faulkner. Motion carried.

C. Municipal Court Revenue

Chief Olson provided a handout of the current Fine and Payment History by year (2014 to present)

to discuss the outstanding balance owed to the City of Montello which is currently $43,045.03. He

stated that tax intercept as well as WI Debt Collect is currently used to attempt to collect these

outstanding monies. There was discussion concerning attempts to collect this money and more

needs to be done to collect it. It was decided to request a Marquette County Joint Municipal Court

meeting. Jean is to e-mail County Clerk Sorensen with a request for the meeting as well as having it

held in Montello as several committee members would like to attend.

D. New Officer-Intro

New hire patrol officer Brock Holmes was introduced by Chair Jordan. Brock stated he is originally

from Portage before completing his Bachelor’s degree in Resource Management Law Enforcement at

UWSP. While at UWSP he completed the 720 hour police academy at Mid-State Technical College in

WI Rapids. He has spent the past two years working with the Burnett County Sheriff’s Office as a

recreation officer. He is excited to start his patrol officer career with the Montello Police

Department. Chief Olson stated Brock’s field training is going very well.

E. Citizen Comments: None

F. Monthly Reports

February monthly reports were reviewed. Motion by Mugler, second by Houdek to accept monthly

reports. Motion carried. There was discussion regarding the possibility of putting the City Ordinance

violator fines directly on the tax rolls.

4. Any Other Business:

Chief Olson said that he has arranged to have a guided Executive Prison tour at the Federal Prison in

Oxford on 4/10/18 to promote Montello Police Department’s Citizen’s Police Academy. All are

welcome to attend; however a background check is required for all attendees. Chief Olson has this

form available for anyone wishing to attend. We will meet at the Montello Police Department and

car pool to the event.

5. Adjournment:

Motion by Kozlowski, second by Faulkner to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 6:45 PM.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 6:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Jean Sheller