PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

6/17/15

6:00 PM

**1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:05 PM**

**ROLL CALL:**

Barb Jordan, Chair

Jim Houdek

Venice Mugler

Sue Kozlowski

Greg Sondalle

Kevin Schaefer

Meg McCullough-Absent

Others Present:

Chief Olson

John Campbell

Donna Richards

John Drennan

Officer Michael Andrews

**2. FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

In Chief Bubolz’s absence Chair Jordan read Chief Bubolz’s May Fire Department report which he had

provided. (Copy attached)

Motion by Sondalle, second by Schaefer to approve the May report. Motion carried.

**3. POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

OLD BUSINESS:

A. 70 W. Montello Street/John Drennan

Chief Olson expressed concern regarding no progress being made on the remodel of the

building and the scaffolding has been up for almost a year. Chief Olson stated that at the 12/17/14

Public Safety Committee meeting John Drennan’s daughter Bridget, had assured the committee

that the scaffolding would be taken down by early spring. Chief Olson continues to receive

numerous complaints from business owners as well as the general public regarding the

appearance of this building. He feels the City has been more than generous in allowing this

project to continue for this long and is asking for a date when the scaffolding will be down.

Drennan stated that he has been involved in other projects and hasn’t gotten to this project yet.

Jordan stated that this project needs to be his #1 priority and requested a completion date for

this. After more discussion Drennan was advised and agreed that by Friday, July 10, 2015 the

scaffolding will be down, the front of the building completed and major progress completed on

this project. Drennan was also told he must attend the July 15, 2015 Public Safety Committee

meeting to report on the progress of this project. Other comments were made by Committee

Members concerning the completion of this project.

Citizen Donna Richards expressed her concern stating that she would never hire him as a

Contractor if his projects take this long.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. ATV Club/John Campbell

John Campbell and Donna Richards gave an update on the ATV Club. They stated that the Town

of Montello recently okayed opening all roads to ATV’s; however the Club will only be signing

some of the roads for use as signs are expensive and involve maintenance. Town of Montello also

extended the hours of operation from 10PM until midnight and the trails will be closed from

November 1 until April 1. The club is trying to avoid county roads and stay on town roads.

Richards stated that there are currently 300 miles of signed trails in Marquette County. She stated

that safety is important. She stated Marquette County has okayed the routes and supports these

routes. Richards stated that the club is four years old and Marquette County has been identified

as ATV’s bringing in tax dollars and keeping local money here. Route riding is becoming a big deal

verses trail riding.

Jordan inquired if they were experiencing noise complaints. Richards stated that they pretty

much “police themselves” and when there are complaints that they personally make contact with

the suspect. Chief Olson stated that the complaints he receives are due to speeding and not

following the route. Campbell stated that ATVer’s can only ride from their home to a route if the

area they are leaving from is signed. Education is required and they will be putting an article in the

paper.

There was conversation about trails opening year around. Campbell and Richards may come

back to the committee for this at a later time.

Motion by Sondalle, second by Kozlowski to extend the time frame and allow ATV’s to use the

routes in the City of Montello until 12:00 AM. Motion carried.

B. Update on Part-time Officer

Chief Olson stated that he has resubmitted and extended the job opening ad for a part-time

police officer until 6/30/15 due to the low number of applicants. He will also be making contact

with MATC academy instructors for recommendations within the next week. He stated his goal is

to hire the most qualified candidate and the process is moving forward.

Kozlowski asked if low pay was an issue. Chief Olson stated the wage was very low. He has a

budgeted amount for 2015 of $13 per hour for part-time officers; however that is something to

consider in future budgets.

C. Citizen Comments

None

D. Monthly Reports

All monthly reports were reviewed. Chief Olson currently has 57.75 hours of comp time and

Officer Andrews has 15.25 hours accumulated.

Motion by Sondalle, second by Schaefer to accept the monthly reports. Motion carried.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

None

5. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Kozlowski, second by Mugler, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 6:55 PM

Next meeting scheduled for July 15, 2015 at 6:00 PM

Minutes submitted by Jean Sheller