

MINUTES
Public Safety Committee
December 6, 2016 6:15 pm
Council Chambers at the
Village of Tinley Park,
16250 S. Oak Park Avenue,
Tinley Park, IL 60477

Members Present: T.J. Grady, Chair
J. Vandenberg, Village Trustee
B. Younker, Village Trustee

Elected Officials
Present: D. Seaman, Village President
B. Maher, Village Trustee
M. Pannitto, Village Trustee

Staff Present: D. Niemeyer, Village Manager
S. Tilton, Assistant Village Manager
S. Neubauer, Police Chief
L. Valley, Executive Secretary
B. Bennett, Commission Secretary

Item#1 – OPEN THE MEETING – The meeting of the Public Safety Committee was called to order at 6:15 pm.

Item #2 – CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 15, 2016

Motion was made by Trustee Younker, seconded by Trustee Vandenberg, to approve the minutes of the Public Safety Committee Meeting held on November 15, 2016. Vote by voice call. Chairman Grady declared the motion carried.

Item #3 –DISCUSS APPROVAL OF AN ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE COURT DATE –

Police Chief Steve Neubauer stated recently the State of Illinois enacted legislation which makes the possession of less than 10 grams of cannabis a “civil law” violation. A new civil law citation was developed by Cook County and our current procedures needed to be altered. The use of local ordinance citations and how they are adjudicated has been re-examined.

Presently, our local ordinance citations for such crimes as possession of cannabis, disorderly conduct, fighting in public and retail theft are processed through the Cook County court system at Bridgeview. After contacting Bridgeview he was advised that Tinley Park is the only municipality still utilizing their system for local ordinance citations. The other towns in the area process their local ordinance violations exclusively through their own administrative courts. The primary reason for this is no doubt a financial one. The Village receives no compensation for defendants sentenced to community service and a small percentage of the amount for those few sentenced to pay a fine.

It is the Chief’s recommendation to authorize a second administrative court date for all local ordinance citations issued by our officers. A second court date would provide several benefits.

Currently Cook County receives the bulk of any fines assessed for violations of Tinley Park local ordinances enforced by Tinley Park officers at Tinley Park’s expense. These monies belong with the

Village rather than Cook County. Our surrounding communities have realized the benefit of handling these matters locally, and the Village of Tinley Park should follow suit.

Item #4- RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Resident #1:

There would still be a concern about the hearing officer acting as a prosecutor.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Trustee Vandenberg, seconded by Trustee Maher, to adjourn the Public Safety Committee meeting held on December 6, 2016. Vote by voice call. Chairman Grady declared the motion carried and adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

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cc: *Village Board*
 Village Manager
 Assistant Village Manager
 Village Treasurer
 Deputy Village Clerk