

MINUTES
Public Safety Committee Meeting
Fulton Conference Room
February 9, 2016 – 9:00 p.m.

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

Other Board Members Present: D. Seaman, Village Trustee
B. Maher, Village Trustee
M. Pannitto, Village Trustee
B. Brady, Village Trustee

Staff Present: D. Niemeyer, Village Manager
M. Mertens, Assistant Village Manager
B. Bettenhausen, Village Treasurer
P. Carr, Director EMA
T. Melody, Village Attorney

Others Present: T. Vanna, Kurtz Ambulance
E. Matteson, Kurtz Ambulance
C. Swik, Former Kurtz employee

Item #1: OPEN THE MEETING – Trustee Grady called this meeting to order at 9:13 p.m.

Item #2: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 15, 2015 –Motion was made by Trustee Younker, seconded by Trustee Vandenberg, to approve the minutes of the Public Safety Committee meeting held on December 15, 2015. Vote by voice call: Chairman Grady declared motion carried.

Item #3: DISCUSS AMBULANCE CONTRACT – Trustee Grady introduced Tom Vanna from Kurtz Ambulance. Mr. Vanna presented an overview of the ambulance and paramedic services provided by Kurtz for the Village of Tinley Park. (PowerPoint presentation attached) Included in this overview was an update on the Tinley Park pricing model as well as cost savings to the Village of Tinley Park from patient account billing and ambulances stationed in the firehouses. He further provided an overview of the response times, success stories, equipment utilized by the Kurtz team including GPS tracking and transparent overview 24/7 of vehicle placement, EMS monitoring and tracking of employees. All paramedics have at least 18 months of experience as certified paramedics. Kurtz has also provided a quick response unit which is beyond the contract requirement and Kurtz will be paying for exhaust capture devices and making contributions toward furniture and cleaning supplies. Kurtz provided statistics from August 2014 through January 2016 highlighting the number of calls, response times, cost savings to the Village, number of mutual aid calls and awards and life saving events. Mayor Seaman requested that Kurtz supply reports on a monthly basis as well as a yearly update.

Chris Swik, former Kurtz employee, made comments and issued complaints regarding Kurtz's management team and practices. Tom Vanna responded to these items and advised the Committee of the numerous personnel issues related to this employee. Trustee Grady advised Mr. Swik, as a former Kurtz employee, should direct his complaints directly to Kurtz as Kurtz is an independent contractor and he was not an employee of the Village of Tinley Park.

Motion was made by Trustee Vandenberg, seconded by Trustee Younker to adjourn this meeting of the Public Safety Committee. Vote by voice call: Trustee Grady declared motion carried and adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

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cc: Village Board
Village Clerk
Village Manager
Assistant Village Manager