

MINUTES
Public Safety Committee Meeting
Kallsen Center
February 16, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Staff Present: D. Niemeyer, Village Manager
M. Mertens, Assistant Village Manager
S. Tilton, Assistant Village Manager
B. Bettenhausen, Village Treasurer
T. Melody, Village Attorney
S. Neubauer, Chief of Police
L. Godette, Deputy Clerk
B. Bennett, Commission Secretary

Others Present:

Item #1: OPEN THE MEETING – Trustee Grady called this meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Item #2: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 9, 2016 –Motion was made by Trustee Vandenberg, seconded by Trustee Younker, to approve the minutes of the Public Safety Committee meeting held on February 9, 2016. Vote by voice call: Chairman Grady declared motion carried.

Item #3: DISCUSS LIQUOR CODE – HOURS OF OPERATION – Assistant Village Manager, Steve Tilton, presented background information regarding the liquor code and hours of operation. The current liquor code for the Village states “*It shall be unlawful to keep open to the public or to permit to be opened in the Village any place where alcoholic liquor is sold for consumption on the premises between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on any 2 weekday or Saturday, or between the hours of 4:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on New Year’s Day, or between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and noon on Sunday.*” The Village has received request from area business owners to allow for the Village to be able to grant exceptions to the current hour restrictions so that liquor can be served with Sunday morning brunch events. The proposed changes to the liquor code would allow the Local Liquor Control Commissioner to grant exceptions to the current regulations to all for the sale of alcoholic liquor for consumption on the premises commencing at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. However, the proposed exceptions are subject to the following criteria:

1. The sale must be offered in conjunction with a meal or brunch package;
2. The sale is not offered in conjunction with any professional or amateur sporting event;
3. The Chief of Police has reviewed the proposed exception and provided a written report to the Local Liquor Commissioner stating that he/she finds no threat to the public health or safety in the proposed exception; and
4. Any granted exception shall clearly state on the license the specific date(s) for which the exception is granted.

Mayor Seaman reiterated that these events would be granted as exceptions and be for specific dates in conjunction with brunch type service. Trustee Vandenberg requested that the Ordinance include language that these exceptions be for restaurants only and bring the Ordinance back to this Committee for review.

Item #4: DISCUSS WARRANTS – WILL COUNTY – Chief Neubauer presented an overview of warrant service in Will County. He noted that over the past six months, the Will County sheriff has proposed a plan whereby they will be charging municipalities a fee to serve warrants emanating out of those communities. Up until this point, the sheriff had picked up those prisoners for no charge. However, due to travel costs the sheriff now feels the need to

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charge for those services. These warrants include failure to appear warrants among others.

The annual fee is based on historical data of how many warrants originate from a community. Because only part of our town is in Will County, the fee is substantially less than large towns.

If we do not subscribe to this service, our department will be required to enter all Will County warrants in the computer; then, if an outside agency picked up a prisoner, we would be responsible to immediately respond and bring the prisoner to jail. This includes downstate and out-of-state trips. Additionally, we would be civilly responsible for any computer entry mistakes that would result in an appropriate arrest.

The cost to Tinley Park is \$3,868.46 annually. Although I strongly believe this is a statutory function of the sheriff's office, it is in the best interests of this department to subscribe to this service. By having the sheriff continue to pick up prisoners and manage the warrants, we better manage our personnel and liability costs.

Participation in this program will not preclude this department from obtaining warrants from judges and serving them ourselves, as in the case of a major crime.

Motion was made by Trustee Younker, seconded by Trustee Vandenberg to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Will County Sheriff's Department for warrant service in the Will County portion of Tinley Park. Vote by voice call: Trustee Grady declared motion carried.

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 6:18 p.m.

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cc: Village Board
Village Clerk
Village Manager
Assistant Village Manager