

MINUTES
Public Safety Committee
July 11, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.
South Pavilion at the Tinley Park Convention Center
18451 Convention Center Drive
Tinley Park, IL 60477

Members Present: W. Brady, Chair
B. Younker, Village Trustee
M. Glotz, Village Trustee

Members Absent: None

Other Board Members Present: J. Vandenberg, Village President
M. Mangin, Village Trustee
M. Pannitto, Village Trustee
C. Berg, Village Trustee

Staff Present: D. Niemeyer, Village Manager

K. Workowski, Public Works Director
P. Wallrich, Interim Community Development Director
S. Neubauer, Chief of Police

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L. Godette, Deputy Clerk
P. Connelly, Village Attorney
J. Prinz, Village Engineer
T. Woolfalk, Commission Secretary

Item #1 - The meeting of the Public Safety Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:47 p.m.

Item #2 – CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JUNE 13, 2017 – Motion was made by Trustee Brady, seconded by Trustee Younker to approve the minutes of the Public Safety Community Meeting held on June 13, 2017. Vote by voice call. Chairman Brady declared the motion carried.

Item #3 – DISCUSS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM – During past Village Board meetings, more than one resident requested the police department participate in the Neighborhood Watch. The citizens requesting the program were not specific in the details of the type of program they would like to see. In an effort to identify the community need, Trustee Brady and Village Manager Dave Niemeyer met with two community representatives on August 9, 2016.

Police Chief Steve Neubauer provided an overview of the traditional Neighborhood Watch program and the current Crime Prevention Program the Village provides.

The Tinley Park Police Department supported a traditional Neighborhood Watch program in the 1990s. By 2005, interest in the program waned. The program was modified to holding centralized meetings that featured a speaker and crime prevention material. The crime prevention officer was assigned different duties.

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The goal of the Neighborhood Watch is to prevent crime. Currently, the Tinley Park Police Department participates in several crime prevention programs. There are two civilian crime prevention specialists and also several officers who assist with various programs. Additionally, the police department puts out timely press releases and works with the marketing department to get other information to the public on an as-needed basis. The police department has made improvements since talks convened last year and would be willing to have additional conversations on additional ways to improve the program.

ITEM #4 – RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Wilma Penny - Started her own Neighborhood Watch Program for her block. Suggested that a specific location be designated for residents to pick up information about what's going in the community.

Resident 2 – This resident was on the original Neighborhood Watch Program in the 1990s. Suggested using a national program to be used by the police department to obtain, training materials free of charge. The materials help to communicate valuable training information to dog walkers and others who may be home during the day. It teaches what to look for and things that should raise concern. Resident states she had given her contact information to Trustee Glotz in case Chief Neubauer would like to contact her.

Trustee Brady announced to invite the citizens to National Night Out on August 1, 2017 at Zabrocki Plaza.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Trustee Brady, seconded by Trustee Younker to adjourn this meeting of the Public Safety Committee Meeting. Vote by voice call. Trustee Brady declared the motion carried and adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

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