



## **POLICE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

### **Hybrid Virtual Meeting**

**Meeting Minutes - March 24, 2021**

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Gunter called the meeting to order at 9:00 am
- II. **ROLL CALL**

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| <b><u>Committee</u></b><br>Mayor Gunter (as chair)<br>Village Clerk Szymiski<br>Trustee Liddle (via zoom)<br>Trustee Brady (via zoom) | <b><u>Staff</u></b><br>Village Manager May<br>Assistant Village Manager/Finance Director Parker (via zoom)<br>Police Chief Gunther<br>Deputy Chief Gruen (via zoom)<br>Deputy Chief Thompson<br>Detective Durst<br>Sergeant Weibler<br>Sergeant Gomorczak<br>Investigative Aide Whitehead (via zoom)<br>Deputy Liquor Commissioner Mulhearn<br>Management Analyst Mielcarski<br>Assistant to the Chief Olsson |
| <b><u>Visitors</u></b><br>Durst Family                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None
- V. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Police Department Employee of the Year** - Chief Gunther adjusted the agenda to accommodate presenting the Employee of the Year award at the beginning of the meeting.
  - 1. Sgt. Weibler presented the Police Department Employee of the Year Award to Detective Jeremy Durst. Sgt. Weibler described Detective Durst's previous and current work history at the village and his outstanding contributions to the department in 2020.
- B. **2020 Annual Report** - Chief Gunther shared his screen and reviewed the Google slides (attached) reviewing the achievements, especially the ILEAP accreditation, and



challenges of the department in 2020 during the pandemic.

1. Mayor Gunter asked how many traffic violations were issued around the school zone per year. Chief Gunther responded that prior to lockdown, the department prioritized traffic monitoring around the schools and will follow up with detail for side street patrol. Chief Gunther also commented that unless the violation was egregious, no contact was made especially between March and June 2020 at the start of the pandemic.
2. Manager May asked if goals were not met due to COVID-19 or due to fiscal budget restrictions. Chief Gunther responded that all the goals could have been met if not for COVID-19.

**C. Police Reform Legislation** - Chief Gunther discussed the 764 page state legislation that passed in January 2021.

1. Chief Gunther highlighted two main issues that will be effective in 2023: cashless bail system and law enforcement certification and decertification process.
2. There will be changes in operational rules that could place officers at risk which Chief Gunther communicated directly with the officers.
3. Chief Gunther discussed the meetings he attended with legislators, community activists, and other police chiefs throughout the state.
4. Trailer legislation is in process and should be completed by May 31, 2021 to be implemented by July 1, 2021. This means that the department only has one month to be educated and prepared for the new rules and regulations.
5. Chief Gunther listed additional changes to the rules and regulations related to use of force, B and C misdemeanors, three phone call requirement, no knock warrants, and anonymous versus confidential complaints that impact operations.
6. Manager May commented that the police departments were left out of the process when the police reform legislation was drafted.
7. Chief Gunther concluded that there is more work to be done to address what was passed in legislation as well as managing future bills such as removing SROs except for active shooter situations and modifying qualified immunity.

**D. Body-Worn Camera Update** - Chief Gunther provided an update on the impact of mandating body-worn cameras which will be required for our department by 1/1/2025.

1. Chief Gunther stated he is a proponent of the body-worn camera act except for the language related to the class 3 felony offense from Body-Worn Camera Act and the officer wearing the camera cannot review the footage from their camera



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when they draft their report. Chief Gunther said that the current language is ambiguous and that trailer legislation is in progress.

2. Chief Gunther reported that the integrated system has an initial start up cost of \$112,000 and \$50,000 per year for the next four years, which is included in the budget.
3. Mayor Gunter asked if other communities are already implementing the body-worn cameras and if they are experiencing any issues. Chief Gunther responded that Roselle and Lombard have already implemented the cameras since the implementation schedule is based on the size of the community. Chief Gunther added that he has heard other communities were having issues with this requirement.
4. Mayor Gunter asked how long it will take to implement, including training. Chief Gunther responded that it will take a minimum of six to nine months to implement.

**E. Department Awards** - Chief Gunther recognized the following officers with departmental awards for the outstanding service and accomplishments for fiscal year 2020/21:

1. Officers Daniel Rooney and Alexander Bennett received Felony Arrest Commendations.
2. Officers Alexander Bennett, Timothy Collins, Robert Arndt, John Majeski, and Sgt. Borgardt received the Chief's Recognition Commendation. Officer John Majeski also received recognition from the Illinois State Police.

**F. Personnel Update** - Chief Gunther provided an update on the changes in personnel including the great effort of the Fire and Police Commission as they continue with interviews for the open positions. Chief Gunther also recognized Deputy Chief Gruen for 20 years of dedicated service at the village. Deputy Chief Gruen was off site therefore Mayor Gunter planned to present his plaque at the Village Board meeting on March 25, 2021.

**VI. MISCELLANEOUS** - None

**VII. ADJOURN** Motion by Clerk Szymksi to adjourn and seconded by Trustee Liddle. Meeting adjourned at 10:06 am.