



Village Board Public Safety Committee

MINUTES

~ Thursday, June 23, 2016 ~

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gunter as Chair called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

In attendance were:

Trustee Addington, Trustee Guzzo, Trustee Liddle, Mayor Gunter, Village Clerk Szymiski, Village Manager May, Fire Chief Weiss and Police Chief Mulhearn

Also present:

Deputy Fire Chief Riley, Deputy Fire Chief Connolly, Deputy Police Chief Gunther, Finance Director Parker, IT Director Liljeberg, Public Works Director Ramsey (5:03 p.m.), Community Development Director Ziegler (4:37 p.m.), Fire Prevention Director Kaufman, and Recording Secretary Hardy

Absent:

Trustee Barker, Trustee Barry and Trustee Nero

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF JUNE 9, 2016 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Trustee Addington made a motion, seconded by Trustee Liddle to approve the June 9, 2016 Public Safety Committee Minutes as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Upcoming Rail Safety Program Planned

Police Chief Mulhearn advised the Westmont Police Department would be participating in the Illinois Rail Safety Week from September 11-17, 2016. He said staff members would be present at rail crossings during the week to provide education as well as enforcement of any violations. Staff will also request Burlington Northern participate one day in an effort to educate the community.

Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Consolidation and Operations Update

Village Manager May advised the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Consolidation was discussed in length at the June 9, 2016 Public Safety Meeting. Staff wanted to bring it before the Public Safety Committee once again to answer any additional questions prior to Village Board approval. He further advised the Letter of Intent and CAD System resolution as well as the ACDC Intergovernmental Agreement were all on the June 23rd Village Board agenda for approval.

Trustee Guzzo said staff made a great presentation on June 9th and felt all questions were answered sufficiently. Police Chief Mulhearn expressed his opinion that staff has done its due diligence and feels confident with the decision to move dispatching services to ACDC. He further said the goal is to move as soon as possible. Staff will be working with Downers Grove to facilitate a possible move by January 2017.

Fire Chief Weiss advised Village Attorney Zemenak is adding language to the Intergovernmental Agreement to address exhibits and performance indicators. He is awaiting additional information prior to finalizing revisions. He felt the amended contract language would cover Westmont in the event of any performance related issues.

Local Code Amendment - Standpipes

Fire Prevention Director Kaufman distributed copies of a proposed local code amendment pertaining to standpipe systems. He advised the current 2012 IBC Section 905.3.1 states that class III standpipe systems shall be installed throughout buildings where the floor level of the highest story is located more than 30 feet above the lowest level of the fire department vehicle access, or where the floor level of the lowest story is located more than 30 feet below the highest level of fire department vehicle access. He said the amendment would revise the standpipe requirement from the 30' threshold to buildings three stories or more in height.

Fire Prevention Director Kaufman said the issue was brought to his attention when the new senior facility was designed with 28'6" ceilings. They requested a no standpipe system which staff felt would not provide adequate protection and coverage. Concessions were made to allow standpipe installation under 2006 codes.

Trustee Addington questioned if the proposed amendment should be put out for public comment prior to approval. After discussion it was decided the amendment would not affect many developments and a public comment would not be needed. The consensus was to approve the proposed amendment as presented and forward onto the Village Board for final approval.

Local Code Amendment - Above Ground Storage Tanks

Fire Prevention Director Kaufman distributed copies of a proposed local code amendment allowing for the use of above ground cooking (new and used) oil tanks. He advised the industry now offers a new product which eliminates the need to use cooking oil dumpsters. The new units are considered pressure vessels with flammable liquids by the Illinois State Fire Marshal and must be permitted through their office. He further said the new Grill 89 Restaurant, 800 E. Ogden Ave., had one installed as part of the build out which is what brought them to the Fire Department's attention. The consensus of Public Safety Members were to concur with staff recommendation to revise the current local codes as recommended by staff and forward onto the Village Board for final approval.

Revocation of Ordinance No. 10-48 (An Ordinance Granting Authorization to Erect a Tent as a Temporary Use for J. Flemings' Absolutely Delicious Restaurant Located at 18 N. Cass Ave.

Fire Prevention Director Kaufman advised an Ordinance was previously granted allowing Absolutely Delicious, 18 N. Cass Ave., to set up an outdoor tent during summer months. With the adoption of a new tent Ordinance in January 2016 Ordinance No. 10-48 now conflicts with the current requirements. Staff recommends rescinding the previous Ordinance and adhering to current codes. The consensus of Public Safety Members were to concur with staff recommendation to rescind Ordinance No. 10-48 and forward onto the Village Board for final approval.

North Fire District Contract Amendment

Fire Chief Weiss advised the North Fire District contract had expired on May 31, 2016. Staff proposes to extend the contract an additional year as they work through the special service area formation process. He said the contract would be presented at the June 23rd Village Board meeting after Public Safety Committee approval.

Fire Chief Weiss provided an update on the special service area formation. He advised DuPage County directed North Fire District members to attempt to gain additional support of the special service area formation. They previously received a 43% approval and DuPage County would like to see 50% in support of moving forward. Members will reach out to all residents not previously responding. They are in the process of compiling a list and will discuss further at the July 11th meeting. Additional information will be provided at the September Public Safety Meeting.

Accreditation Update

Fire Chief Weiss said staff has been working very hard to obtain its fourth reaccreditation. Deputy Chief Riley along with several staff members have been making many revisions in an effort to improve the existing documents. He further said the accreditation team consisting of four members arrived on Sunday, June 19th and left the morning of Thursday, June 23rd. The accreditation team had never worked together and staff felt they were a great group to work with. They were very helpful and honest throughout the entire process.

Fire Chief Weiss advised after review and consideration a decision was made to defer the reaccreditation for a 12 month period. During this time staff will work to revise and rewrite necessary documents. Staff will be working diligently to complete revisions by the end of the year in hopes of submitting by January 2017 and appearing before the Commission in March 2017. The current team leader will continue to assist Westmont throughout the process. He indicated he is committed to helping Westmont attain reaccreditation.

Fire Chief Weiss thanked Mayor Gunter, Village Manager May and Cathy Crane for their support and assistance during the process. He further said the Accreditation Team commended the Village on their outstanding teamwork throughout all Village Departments.

OTHER BUSINESS

Fire Chief Weiss advised the Fire Department Succession Plan includes a promotional process in September 2016. An additional Duty Chief position will be added as D/C Connolly will be stepping down from his Duty Chief responsibilities.

Fire Chief Weiss stated the June Kids Camp was a success with approximately 30 children attending. A total of 23 are already signed up for August. He also congratulated Police Chief Mulhearn on a great squad car night.

Fire Chief Weiss advised staff would be sending a letter to ISO in August 2016 requesting a re-review. A final determination should be made by September 2016.

Police Chief Mulhearn said at a staff meeting Village Manager May suggested touring other departments. Upon this suggestion a tour of the gun range was done. Staff members were put through two scenarios and then allowed to use the shooting range. He said he would attempt to arrange the same activity for the Village Trustees.

There being no further business to discuss, Village Clerk Szymiski motioned to adjourn, to which Trustee Guzzo seconded. The meeting subsequently adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Hardy, Recording Secretary