

**VILLAGE OF SUSSEX
SUSSEX, WISCONSIN
Minutes of the Public Safety and Welfare Committee of
February 16, 2021**

1. Roll Call:

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Stallings at 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Martin Lastrilla, Wendy Stallings, Greg Zoellick and Ron Wells.

Also present: Village Administrator Jeremy Smith, Assistant Village Administrator Kelsey McElroy, Fire Chief Kris Grod, Director of Police Services Lisa Panas, Village President Anthony LeDonne and members of the press and public.

A quorum of the Village Board was present at the meeting.

2. Consideration and possible action on minutes:

A motion by Stallings, seconded by Lastrilla, to approve the December 15, 2020 minutes as presented.

Motion carried 4-0.

3. Police Items:

A. Deer Management Concerns

Captain Panas summarized the memo in the meeting packet.

Citizen Robert Haschke, W231N7425 Field Drive, asked if there is a law against feeding deer. Captain Panas stated that there is no law against this. Mr. Haschke went on to express concerns about the number of deer in his subdivision, which he believes has been made worse by neighbors feeding them. He is going to try spraying his vegetation, but would also like to see public education encouraging residents to not feed deer.

Citizen Patrick Dublinski, W231N7404 Field Drive, stated that he saw 24 deer at one time near his house. He has tried fencing and spraying. The deer have no fear. They eat everything.

Citizen Jody Dublinski, W231N7404 Field Drive, stated that they have lived in the same subdivision for 20 years and the deer issue has become noticeably worse in the past five years.

Captain Panas stated that the Police Department can mediate a conversation with the neighborhood about neighbors feeding the deer and the issues that is presenting. Mr. Haschke asked if they should talk to the neighbor first and Captain Panas thought this was a good first step and would likely be more effective.

Member Zoellick asked if they have issues with other critters. Mr. Haschke stated that he hasn't, but Mr. Dublinski has had issues with raccoons.

A motion by Lastrilla, seconded by Stallings to direct Captain Panas to work with the neighbors to resolve the feeding issue through self-mediation followed up by shared intervention.

Motion carried 4-0.

B. Police Chief's Report

Captain Panas summarized the report included in the meeting packet.

Member Wells asked if members of the public pull over when emergency vehicles are driving emergent. Captain Panas stated that the public does a great job at pulling over and when they don't it's usually because they don't hear the sirens. Member Zoellick asked Captain Panas to follow-up with Gabe Kolasari to discuss patrols around the Villas of Brandon Oaks.

4. Fire Items:

A. Ambulance Purchase Quotes

Member Zoellick asked about where the warranty work would be performed. Chief Grod responded that warranty work could be performed at any Ford dealership. Electronic issues can mostly be resolved onsite with the assistance of the vendor. Chairwoman Stallings asked about what happens to the old ambulance. Ms. McElroy-Anderson stated that the vehicle will be sent to auction. Member Zoellick asked when the vehicle would be ready. Chief Grod estimated by the end of 2021 or early 2022.

A motion by Stallings, seconded by Zoellick to recommend to the Village Board approval of the purchase of a Ford F550 from Life Line Emergency Vehicles in the amount of \$283,278.

Motion carried 4-0.

B. Engine Response on Certain Ambulance Call Policy

Chief Grod presented the PowerPoint included in the meeting packet. Discussion followed about the type of vehicle that should be used as the second engine on EMS calls. There was consensus to include the following in the Chief's report in the future to help the Committee monitor the usage of the Quint: quarterly hours of operation, the estimated lifespan of a Quint in hours, and the annual maintenance cost. Additionally, Chief Grod in June will provide a summary on the type of equipment used on calls involving the Quint. The Public Safety Committee would also like a tour of the Public Safety Building before the April meeting.

There was no formal action taken on this item.

C. Fire Chief's Report

Chief Grod summarized the report included in the meeting packet.

5. Adjournment

A motion by Lastrilla, seconded by Zoellick to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelsey McElroy-Anderson
Assistant Village Administrator