



Public Safety Committee

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 12, 2018

Attendance: Mr. Heban, Ms. Zuchowski-Eckel, Mr. Oberdorf, Chief Drouard

Fire

- 1) Water Rescue. The Chief briefed the committee on the water rescue incident of April 4th. Two people were rescued from the water suffering from Hypothermia. This led to the discussion of the need to repair or replace our current rescue boat. The committee unanimously agreed that the current boat should not go back into service at this time. Research into replacement is ongoing.
- 2) Staffing. Covering calls continues to be an issue as the same few people have been responding to the overnight calls. This confirmed to the committee the need for a levy. The department is applying for the SAFETY grant to explore staffing options with Northwood and Lake Township, but there is an immediate need for 24 hour staffed coverage. The committee is waiting to meet with Mrs. Freeman regarding the anticipated costs.
- 3) Strategic Planning. The Strategic Planning Committee met. It was well received. Attendance was good and the participants were pleased to be included. The Committee agreed that this planning will be needed for any future levy. The next strategic planning meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 25th.
- 4) Pre-emption of the new traffic light at Osborne. The Chief brought to the attention of the committee that the new traffic light at the new entrance to the school at Osborne and SR 65 will provide an issue when the department has a call and there is a red light. It will provide a safety issue for both the Department and the traffic on SR 65. He is going to research what other communities are doing and consult Chief Goss on the process.

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 19th at 4 pm in Council Chambers.