



Public Safety Committee

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 19, 2018

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

The committee met at the Police Department.

Fire

- 1) Fire and Rescue Boat. Chief Drouard consulted Mr. Staczek regarding a new Fire and Rescue Boat. He has also done research of what the other waterside communities are doing. Ottawa county has all rescue boats. None with the capability of fire protection. Currently they rely on the Coast Guard Station out of Marblehead for support with that.

He has been in contact with several different Boat dealers exploring the different brands available that provide both rescue and fire capabilities. The committee discussed funding options for a new boat. Josh will continue to research options.

Police

- 1) The speed camera enforcement project is on hold. The Bill regarding revenue from the cameras and how it affects state funding is currently with the State Judicial committee for review. The committee will revisit in the future.
- 2) In-car and Body-worn cameras. The Chief is reviewing possibilities of implementing cameras for all officers and cruisers. He is exploring funding opportunities as well.
- 3) Manpower. There is an issue with retention of part-time officers. The department is investing training time in them and as of late they are quickly leaving for fulltime employment elsewhere. There is currently only one-part time officer with the department. He is not able to fulfill all the shifts available as he works full time for another department. The Chief does not want to hire any part time officers currently to fill the openings and wants to explore other staffing options. More information is needed from Mrs. Freeman on this. He is interested in looking into an additional leadership position as there are a lot of young officers currently with the department and fulfilling the acting Sargent position on the shifts that a Sargent is not scheduled. The Committee will consult with Mrs. Freeman and continue further discussion.
- 4) Railroad crossing on Lime City Road at Schreier. This crossing is in bad shape. The Chief took pictures and sent them to CSX. He has contacted them regarding this issue and has not gotten any response. Ms. Eckel mentioned that Mr. Scott had been in contact with the county regarding these tracks and will follow up with him.

- 5) Traffic Safety. The Police and Fire Departments are working together regarding new traffic signals on SR 65 and discussing pre-emption device for emergency vehicles or other method of assuring safety for emergency vehicles entering Dixie Highway from Osborn St.
- 6) School Resource officer. The Chief is working with Rossford Schools and the Owens Police Department in preparation of using Owens CC campus and incident reporting. There will be a public forum in May to discuss the transition.
- 7) The Department has received 2,997 calls YTD.

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 26th at 5 pm in Council Chambers.