

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH
AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, April 7, 2021, 8:30 A.M.**

Members Present:

Scott Lewis, Chair (present remotely)
Alan Fink, Trustee (present remotely)

Staff Present:

Chief Brian Budds, LES
Chief Mike Kelly, Fire & EMS

Others Present:

Alice Gallagher, Village President (present remotely)
Ingrid Velkme, Village Manager
Deputy Chief Dan Albrecht, LES
Deputy Chief Brian Scott, Fire & EMS
Pat Schramm, Director of Technology
Susan Depner, Administrative Services Coordinator, LES

Public Present:

None.

Electronic Attendance:

This meeting was conducted via Zoom online platform in accordance with Illinois Governor Disaster Proclamation dated April 2, 2021 (Restore Illinois Plan), and Executive Order 2021-06 extending the Governor's prior Executive Orders relating to the COVID-19 pandemic and his implementation of the "Restore Illinois" Plan (COVID-19 E.O. No. 76), as amended.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 7, 2021.

2. Roll Call

Present remotely were Scott Lewis, Chair, and Alan Fink, Trustee. Also present remotely was President Alice Gallagher. Present in Village Hall and/or the Fire Department were Chief Brian Budds, LES, Chief Mike Kelly, Fire & EMS, Deputy Chief Dan Albrecht, LES, Deputy Chief Brian Scott, Fire & EMS, Ingrid Velkme, Village Manager, Pat Schramm, Director of Technology, and Susan Depner, Administrative Services Coordinator.

3. Approval of Minutes – March 4, 2021

MOTION: Trustee Fink made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2021 meeting. Chair Lewis seconded the motion and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Automated Traffic Law Enforcement System Service Agreement Renewal

Chief Budds explained that our agreement with Red Speed for the red light cameras was only renewed for one year because President Gallagher's term was expiring. Now we would like to extend the agreement for four years with the same terms and cost structure as last year's renewal. Chief Budds pointed out that traffic accidents have decreased at the two intersections where there are cameras and that the cameras are also useful for criminal investigations. Chair Lewis commented on decrease in accidents where the cameras are installed. Trustee Fink asked why there are two cameras at Ogden and Wolf. Chief Budds explained that one camera records eastbound traffic and the other records westbound traffic. The camera at 55th and Wolf records westbound traffic only. Chair Lewis asked if officers review camera footage before a violation is issued and Chief Budds explained that by law sworn officers are required to review the footage before violations are issued.

MOTION: Chair Lewis made a motion to recommend approval of the automated traffic law enforcement system service agreement renewal to the Board. Trustee Fink seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Chief Budds asked that the renewal agreement be put on the workshop agenda for the April 12 meeting to discuss and placed on the May Board agenda for voting.

6. New Police-Resident Camera Partnership Initiative

Chief Budds explained this is for information only. Deputy Chief Albrecht explained how this program will work: if residents have a camera and they want to share the footage with the police department, they go to a website and fill out a waiver form. The website interfaces with our GIS. This is a voluntary program. Attorney Jurusik has reviewed and approved the waiver language. The program is ready to be launched this spring.

7. National Public Safety Telecommunications Week

Chief Budds would like to recognize LTAAC for the critical role they play in the work of both the police and fire departments. We have not recognized LTAAC since dispatch moved from the Western Springs Police Department to La Grange. National Public Safety Telecommunications Week is April 11 – April 17, so the Chief would like the

proclamation to be read at the April 12 Board meeting by President Gallagher. Manager Velkme would like a summary of LTAAC's activities this past year included also.

8. Fire Department Promotion

Chief Kelly explained that Jeff Snapp has taken over the day Firefighter position. He has been a contract paramedic for approximately 10 years with the fire department, so he is well-qualified. In his new position, he will be promoted to a lieutenant. His swearing-in ceremony will be held April 12.

9. Fire Department 2020 Annual Report

Chief Kelly discussed the 2020 Fire Department Annual Report. He explained how operations changed during the year because of the COVID-19 pandemic and how the department's operations were revised as best practices for operations evolved during the pandemic. Chief Kelly said his personnel acted with resiliency throughout the year. The call volume for 2020 only slightly decreased from the year prior. As the year went on, call volume went up. There was approximately a 75 call difference between 2019 and 2020. Chair Lewis commented on how the department adapted and did what needed to be done to keep the village safe and he congratulated the department on getting through the difficult year. President Gallagher also congratulated Chief Kelly on his transition to the Chief position and his leadership and Deputy Chief Scott's leadership also. Chief Kelly said that some print copies of the annual report will be available and that it will be posted electronically on the website. He will share the annual report with the Board at the April 12 meeting.

10. Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Personal Property Owned by the Village of Western Springs and Authorizing the Approval and Execution of a Purchase Offer Letter Dated March 26, 2021 for the Purchase of Village-Owned 2001 Luverne/Spartan Fire Truck by Command Fire Apparatus

Chief Kelly explained that the purchase of a new fire engine has been approved and the new engine has been ordered. The existing engine needs to be declared surplus and an agreement for the purchase of the exiting engine needs to be approved. Three quotes have been obtained for selling the existing engine. The vendor Command Fire Apparatus offered the best quote; however their price will go down as the year goes on, so Chief Kelly wants the purchase agreement approved. The selling price for Engine 1711 to Command Fire Apparatus would be \$45,000. The fire department would get \$5000 when the agreement is signed and the balance once the new engine is received late this year or early next year. Trustee Fink asked if that price was what the Chief expected to get. Chief Kelly said that he did get some estimates at \$60,000, but that was a year ago and the price keeps going down as time goes on. The existing engine is 20 years old. Manager Velkme asked what Command Fire Apparatus will do with the engine when they purchase it. Chief Kelly said they will not scrap it, but will sell it as used to another fire department.

MOTION: Chair Lewis made a motion to recommend the resolution declaring Engine 1711 as surplus equipment be passed and that the Village accept the purchase offer from Command Fire Apparatus. Trustee Fink seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

11. Other Business

Chief Kelly shared that on May 10 there will be a recognition ceremony for the passing of Willard Christoffer who died in the line of duty in 2001.

12. Adjournment

MOTION: Chair Lewis made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Fink seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was approved by a unanimous vote at 8:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Depner
Administrative Services Coordinator