

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH
AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, August 5, 2021, 7:30 A.M.**

Members Present:

Scott Lewis, Chair
James Tyrrell, Trustee

Staff Present:

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

Others Present:

Ingrid Velkme, Village Manager
Alice Gallagher, Village President
Deputy Chief Brian Scott, Fire & EMS
Susan Depner, Administrative Services Coordinator, LES

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 5, 2021.

2. Roll Call

Present were Scott Lewis, Chair, and James Tyrrell, Trustee. Also present were Chief Brian Budds, LES, Chief Mike Kelly, Fire & EMS, Deputy Chief Brian Scott, Fire & EMS, Ingrid Velkme, Village Manager, Alice Gallagher, Village President, and Susan Depner, Administrative Services Coordinator.

3. Approval of Minutes – June 9, 2021

MOTION: Trustee Tyrrell made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2021 meeting. Chair Lewis seconded the motion and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Truck 1719 Repair (Information Only)

Chief Kelly explained that Truck 1719 had problems rotating the main aerial ladder. It was taken to a local repair facility and diagnosed with a faulty hydraulic motor. Since the truck is 28 years old, parts are difficult to find, so the repair is awaiting parts. The truck is in limited service until parts can be found. The fire department has only one ladder truck. If the fire department needs to use a ladder in the meantime, the surrounding communities will respond to the call.

6. FD Paid-On-Call (POC) Recruitment

Deputy Chief Scott explained that the Fire Department is six months into its recruitment process. Thus far, there are 13 applicants and 20 others expressing interest. They plan to hold an orientation on October 7, 2021 and conduct interviews, background checks, etc. in November and December. The Fire Department wants to send 15 people to the academy and hopes to hire 10 new staff after the academy. Chief Kelly explained that the Fire Department lost 10 members in 2019 and 2020, so their numbers are down. There are a total of 34 paid-on-call staff, plus a handful of full-time staff, and six contracted paramedics.

Village Manager Velkme added that a shortage of labor and difficulty recruiting is a trend being seen across businesses and is not limited to the Fire Department.

7. 9-11 Tribute

Chief Kelly explained that the Fire Department plans to do a more public tribute this year for the 20th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks. The event will be held on the Tower Green and will last 30-40 minutes. The time of the event will coincide with the time the attacks occurred in New York. President Gallagher praised the plan. Chief Kelly asked Chair Lewis to report on this at the August Board meeting.

8. Overview of Transportation & Safety Commission Recommendation – Burlington Ave at Clausen Ave

Chief Budds explained that he wanted to inform the Village Board of the outcome of this issue since the original letter sent by residents went to the Board. The Transportation & Safety Commission met in July and recommended adding a second crossing guard to the underpass at Hillgrove/Burlington Ave and Clausen Ave. The second crossing guard will be on the Burlington side. Chief Budds explained that this second crossing guard is not budgeted and that School District 101 pays for the crossing guard on the Hillgrove side. He is exploring cost-sharing options with District 101 for this second crossing guard. The Police Department is currently recruiting for this position. An ordinance change is not required, so no action is needed from the Public Health & Safety Committee. The Chief asked Chair Lewis to report this information to the Village Board at the August meeting. Trustee Tyrrell asked about stop signs at this area and Chief Budds explained that the report done by Village Engineer Koza and discussion amongst the Transportation & Safety Commission determined that a stop sign did not meet traffic

standards due to traffic volume and flow and adding a second crossing guard was the best option.

9. Recess to Closed Session (if needed) 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) and 2.06: Discussion of Minutes of Meetings Lawfully Closed Under OMA, for the Purposes of Approval by the Body of the Minutes or Semi-Annual Review of the Minutes

After discussion, Chair Lewis and Trustee Tyrrell determined it was not necessary to recess to closed session.

10. Review and Approval of Resolution Approving the Content of and/or Release of Certain Closed Meeting Minutes of Meetings of the Public Health & Safety Committee

MOTION: Chair Lewis made a motion to approve the resolution approving the content and/or release of the closed meeting minutes of the Public Health & Safety Committee. Trustee Tyrrell seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

11. Other Business

None.

12. Adjournment

MOTION: Chair Lewis made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Tyrrell seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was approved by a unanimous vote at 7:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Depner
Administrative Services Coordinator