

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH
AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, September 8, 2022, 8:00 a.m.**

Members Present:

Scott Lewis, Chair
James Tyrrell, Trustee

Staff Present:

Chief Brian Budds, Chief of Police
Chief Mike Kelly, Chief of Fire & EMS
Ashlee Niezgoda, Deputy Chief of Police
Brian Scott, Deputy Chief of Fire & EMS
Susan Depner, Administrative Services Coordinator, Police

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. on September 8, 2022.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Approval of Minutes – July 28, 2022

MOTION: Trustee Tyrrell made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2022 meeting. Chair Lewis seconded the motion and the minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

4. FY 23 FD Budget Discussion

Chief Kelly discussed the Fire Department's fiscal year 2023 proposed budget. First he discussed fire gear replacement. Having added 17 new recruits, newer gear is needed. They want to replace eight sets of fire gear. The vendor has increased the cost of each set by \$600, as well as delivery delays of up to a year. The Department will be getting quotes from other vendors. This request will be included in the 2024 budget as well. There is a standard that says fire gear should be replaced every ten years; the FD uses this as a guide and has not adopted it, but they do evaluate their gear every year. It

does not affect the FD's ranking if they keep gear for more than ten years. They are requesting \$26,000 for fire gear replacement.

The paramedic contract had an addendum added to it to increase pay. The FD now wants to get quotes from other vendors for the contract.

The FD wants to replace two utility vehicles. These are leased by Enterprise and there has also been long delays in getting new vehicles, of up to a year. For 2023 budget year, the FD wants to order two vehicles, but they may not arrive within the 2023 budget year.

The FD wants to replace their thermal imaging cameras. These are critical pieces of equipment for firefighters. The current cameras are 15 years old. Fourteen cameras are requested at a cost of \$20,000.

The FD plans a recruitment process for 2023 with the expectation of an academy in 2024.

The FD plans to review and revise the paid-on-call salary scale in 2023.

The FD will continue discussions with the Hinsdale FD in 2023 regarding sharing resources, such as vehicles and equipment.

5. LTHS Homecoming Firework Permit

Chief Kelly explained that LTHS wanted to have a firework display last year at their Homecoming, but it did not work out. They want to have one this year and will be submitting a permit request, which the FD will review to meet code requirements. LTSH will contract with a firework vendor.

6. FY 23 PD Budget Discussion

Chief Budds went over several 2023 budget requests for the capital budget. First he discussed body-worn cameras, which are required by state mandate as of January 1, 2025. The Chief would like to purchase the cameras in 2023 to allow enough time for testing, etc. Our dashboard camera vendor, Safefleet, recently gave a demonstration of their body-worn cameras, which work with our existing servers and would be a cost-saver instead of having to pay for cloud storage for other vendors that wouldn't work with our existing servers. With Axon, for example, the PD would have to pay for cloud storage, which could put the cost up to \$70,000. With Safefleet, the cost would be from \$35,000 to \$40,000. There is grant funding available and the PD will apply for grants. President Gallagher asked if the PD could collaborate with the other LTACC agencies on this. Chief Budds replied that all agencies would have to agree on a vendor. Countryside already uses Axon, La Grange Park has chosen Axon, while La Grange is still deciding. The PD will do an RFP with vendors on this; Safefleet has not been chosen, but is under consideration.

The PD wants to replace squad car dashcams. Each year, one is replaced normally. But the dashcams will need to be updated if the PD chooses Safefleet for the body-worn cameras, so for 2023, they are asking for three or four instead of one at a cost of \$6000 each. There is funding for dashcams. Previously we were not eligible, but the rules have changed and the PD will be eligible in 2023 and could get 75-80 percent reimbursed if a grant is approved.

The purchase of license plate reader cameras (LPRs) was in the 2022 budget at \$12,000, but was delayed. The PD would like to lease these. The leading vendor is Flock, but the PD will do an RFP on this. The Deputy Chief is currently in talks with Flock. This would be an on-going expense as the cameras are leased. The PD would have to decide where the cameras would go and deal with any IDOT or Cook County rights-of-way. The expense for the cameras would be \$15,000 to \$25,000. A question was asked about privacy and it was explained that the cameras only read license plate numbers and the information is for law enforcement purposes only, with WSPD owning the information.

The PD plans to create its own fitness area in Bay 3 of the PD garage. The PD used money obtained from the seizure of a vehicle used in a DUI to purchase some equipment for this. They would like \$7500 to purchase more equipment in fiscal year 2023.

Annual taser replacement is necessary. Costs have risen, so the PD is asking for \$9800 to replace selected tasers in 2023.

Annual respirator replacement is necessary. The PD is asking for \$6000 to replace respirators in 2023.

For 2022, the PD was scheduled to get one new squad car and one new detective vehicle. The detective vehicle was delayed, so it has been deferred to the 2023 budget. In addition, the 2023 budget includes one new squad car and a new Chief's vehicle.

NIPAS equipment replacement for 2023 will be a cost of \$10,000 to \$12,000. This is for the two officers who belong to NIPAS EST and NIPAS MFF.

Lastly, the Chief asks that the committee report at the September workshop meeting that the 2023 budget was discussed.

7. Public Comment

None.

8. Other Business

Chief Kelly reminded the committee that the fire code amendment will be on the September 12th workshop agenda.

9. Adjournment

MOTION: Trustee Tyrrell made a motion to adjourn. Chair Lewis seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was approved by a unanimous vote at 8:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Depner
Administrative Services Coordinator