

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

Wednesday June 29, 2016

Fire Station 2 – Room # 117, 8360 W. Dempster St

Members Present: Trustee Dean Strzelecki - Chair, Police Chief Dennis Mc Enerney, Fire Chief Steve Borkowski. Citizen Anthony Fidanza

Members Absent: None

Also present: None

Meeting began at 8:43 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Strzelecki asked for a motion to approve March 23, 2016 meeting minutes.

Motion made by Chief Mc Enerney to accept meeting minutes.

Second by Chief Borkowski. Minutes accepted unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Police Starcom radio contract.

Chief Mc Enerney discussed the fact that the FCC is requiring U.S. police departments to move off their current frequencies by 2021 making their current (20 years old) radios obsolete. The federal government is doing this so that they may auction off these UHF frequencies to private entities in order to increase revenue to the Treasury. Police are dispatched by Glenview dispatch and Glenview has already moved to the 800 megahertz frequency radio system called Starcom. Niles and Morton Grove police currently share a frequency and the Morton Grove Village Board recently approved purchasing the new Starcom radios for their department.

There was a discussion on the number of radios to be purchased. The radios, all portables, are about \$4,000 each which is a 37% discount from their regular price which is the offer being made by the manufacturer, Motorola for a limited time.

Chairman Strzelecki asked for a motion to proceed with a contract to purchase 90 Starcom radios from Motorola.

Motion made by Chief Borkowski,

Second by Anthony Fianza. Motion passed.

2. Police dispatch contract with Glenview Dispatch.

Chief Mc Enerney discussed the dispatch contract renewal with Glenview Dispatch. The old contract is expiring at the end of 2017. Niles and Morton Grove sat down with Brent from Glenview Dispatch and renegotiated a new contract. The new contract stipulates an increase cap of 3% compared to the current 7% cap. Over the life of the new contract, compared to the terms of the current contract, the village will be saving over \$1,000,000.

Chairman Strzelecki asked for a motion to approve a five year extension with Glenview Dispatch.

Motion made by Anthony Fianza

Second by Chief Borkowski. Motion passed.

Other Business

Chief Mc Enerney discussed that he was asked to investigate the issue of increasing police fines. The police obtained information from the Northwest Municipal Conference that showed that Niles was one of the communities with the highest fine charges. The issue was tabled at this time.

Executive Session

None

Next Meeting Date

To be determined

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 A.M.