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Public Safety Committee Minutes

Monday June 12, 2023

09:00

Niles Fire Department
8360 Dempster Street
Conference Room/Secondary EOC

- I. **Call To Order:** Meeting was called to order by Trustee Strzelecki at 09:04. In attendance was Police Chief Tigera, Police Deputy Chiefs Romano and Zakula, Police Sergeant Boba, Fire Chief Feld, Deputy Fire Chief Greiner and citizen Fianza.
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Police Chief Tigera and seconded by citizen Fianza to approve the March 17, 2023 minutes. All voting members approving.
- III. **Old Business:** Crossing Guards: The Police Chief updated the committee on the progress towards privatizing school crossing guards. The Police stated they had asked all VIPS regarding covering school crossings, and there was no interest. A discussion on the matter continued and in conclusion Fire Chief Feld made the recommendation for privatization of the crossing guards and bring to the Village Board to vote on. All voting members in attendance approving the motion.
- IV. **New Business:**
 - a. Police: Purchase of a squad car License Plate Readers (LPR's) and unlimited storage from AXON: The Niles Police Department presented the need for vehicle license plate readers and data storage. Police went on to recommend the department enter into a four (4) year contract with AXON for providing and outfitting squad cars with license plate readers at a total cost of \$71,095.50 or \$17,773.88 annually. The Police continued to explain that AXON could also provide the NPD with unlimited third-party data storage for four (4) years at \$13,371.60 annually (Total over the length of contract \$53,486.40). Both items were a part of the Police Department's CIP and priced through Sourcewell/Cooperative Purchasing Advantage. Fire Chief Feld made the motion to proceed with Citizen Fianza seconding the motion. All voting members approved.

- b. Police: Fleeing/Eluding Ordinance proposal: The Police Department presented the Fleeing and Eluding ordinance which will allow Niles Police Officers to issue a citation to the owner of a vehicle involved in a fleeing and eluding an officer. The ordinance would fine the vehicle owner \$750.00. The ordinance also allows for towing a vehicle involved in a fleeing and eluding incident. The owner of the vehicle would have the option of producing the person driving the vehicle at the time of the fleeing and eluding occurred, to avoid the citation and tow fee. Citizen Fidanza made the motion to proceed and seconded by Fire Chief Feld with all voting members approving.
- c. Police: Large Public Gathering/Parade Ordinance proposal: The Police Department presented the need to create an ordinance to place some restrictions on large public gatherings/parades including the need for a permit issued by the Village of Niles for certain types of gatherings. A discussion was had on the matter with a recommendation being made by Fire Chief Feld to support such a measure. It was seconded by Citizen Fidanza, with all voting members approving.
- d. Police: IVC Statute request in BRAZOS: Police Chief Tigera informed and explained the software utilized by the department for issuing tickets had not been updated since 2020. The system used for this is known as BRAZOS and it will be updated with state criminal statutes.
- e. Police: Update on hiring process: Police Chief Tigera informed the group the department was implementing additional lateral hiring requirements to include “Successful completion of the probationary period and in good standing at the applicant’s current department.” Police Chief Tigera went on to say the department was working with IO Solutions to host an exam to create an eligibility list. The orientation and exam would be held virtually.
- f. Police: Knox box program: The Police Chief informed the group that area schools have been and will be installing Knox Box on their buildings. The boxes will allow Police Officers access to buildings in the event of an active threat situation.
- g. Fire: Update on hiring: Fire Chief Feld informed the committee that a probationary firefighter has resigned his position with the NFD. Fire Chief Feld went on to explain that he had requested permission to replace and would be working with the Fire and Police Commission on this matter.

V. **Executive Session: (If needed) Not Applicable**

VI. **Comments from the Public:** None

VII. **Next Meeting:** TDB

VIII. **Adjournment:**