

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, November 9, 2016 6:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the McFarland Municipal Center by Chairperson Adrian.

Committee Members Present: Trustees Jerry Adrian and Tom Mooney, and citizen members: Rich Staley, Barbara Zabawa, Kathy Lyons, and Sandy Bakk

Committee Member Absent: Ken Machtan

Staff Present: Emergency Management Director Chuck Dipiazza, , Police Chief Craig Sherven, Fire Chief Chris Dennis, AND Village Administrator Matt Schuenke.

Others Present: None

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES None

3. STAFF REPORTS.

- a. **Fire Rescue Department.** Chief Dennis reported that in October that the McFarland Fire Department participated in National Fire Prevention week by teaching approximately 500 pre-school and elementary school students, both at the station as well as at the schools/day care centers, the importance of fire safety. Chief Dennis further reported that the Fire Department Open House was attended by approximately 700 citizens.

Dennis reported that DaneCom went live on the day of this meeting and that there were no significant issues. Dennis is still working with General Communications in establishing a local McFarland Channel.

McFarland Fire rescue is pursuing the purchasing of a Lucas Compression Device. Dennis hopes that the purchase would be completely funded by Grants and matching contributions by the McFarland EMS Association.

McFarland Fire Rescue did receive a grant to completely fund a multi-patient trauma bags. The bags are now in the process of being assembled and to be placed on the ambulance.

Two major training exercises for McFarland Fire Rescue included participation in the Terminal COOP annual exercise and an upcoming house burn in the Town of Dunn.

- b. **Police Department.** Chief Sherven reported a case of interest that was reported as a strong arm robbery at the BP. A similar incident occurred one week later with an arrest by the Sheriff's Department. The incidents appear to be related and charges will likely be filed for the BP incident.

The K-9 unit was utilized at the Indian Mound Middle School to help find a student that had left the building.

Chief Sherven also reported on DaneCom initial start. Sherven similarly reported no incidents with the new implementation.

The McFarland PD is looking at hosting an open house in December to present the Officer Copeland Memorial Wall.

- c. **Emergency Management.** EM Director DiPiazza reported that on October 20th the Village of McFarland participated in the Terminal Tank Farm Emergency Response Drill. There were approximately 80 participants. The exercise included the implementation of the Village's Emergency Operations Center. DiPiazza is going to debrief with the Village's Department head participants.

DiPiazza is also going to meet with Village staff regarding the Village's Emergency Response Manual.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

- a. **Review and possible approval of the draft minutes of the September 14, 2016 meeting.**

Motion Lyons, seconded by Staley to approve as amended, the draft Minutes from September 14, 2016 meeting of the Public Safety Committee. Motion carried unanimously by acclamation.

5. **BUSINESS.**

- a. **Discussion and action to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding the purchase of radar speed boards by the Police Department as included in the 2016 Capital Projects Fund.** Sheunke referred to the Committee's meeting packet that included layout for several different pedestrian enhancements and traffic control devices around the Village. The Village, in partnership with the McFarland School District, identified two possible locations for the placement of rapid rectangular flashing beacons (RRFB). The first location that was selected was the pedestrian crossing near the east entrance of McFarland High School. The RRFB will be pedestrian activated. The second RRFB will be installed near the Waubesa Intermediate School at the intersection of Leanne Lane and Wild Cherry Lane. Both RRFB's should be installed by the end of the year.

Shuenke added as an additional, smaller, item, that the School District was concerned about the crossing on Burma Road. The School District wanted the second RRFB to be installed at this location. The Village was concerned about having both devices in such close proximity. As an alternative, Shuenke recommended flashing pedestrian crossing signs. The signs would be significant cost savings as they use already existing poles and our solar powered. Shuenke believes there will be funds available in the Public Works Capitol.

The main reason this item, according to Shuenke, was the \$22,000 in the Capitol Budget for speed boards. The Village wants to introduce these boards as a means of traffic control. Chief Sherven felt that the speed boards could be used at the following six locations: at Broadhead westbound, approaching the school zone; Leanne Lane northbound approaching the school zone; Farwell Street eastbound approaching the High School; Exchange Street travelling south approaching the Middle School; Johnson Street Travelling north near the school zone; and Marsh Road, travelling north. Sherven added that the speed boards are able to move from one location to another.

Motion Adrian seconded by Mooney and carried unanimously by consent, to recommend to the Village Board to purchase of radar speed boards by the Police Department as included in the 2016 Capital Projects Funds.

- b. **Discussion and action to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding the selection of a proposal for the Facility Access Control Project.** Shuenke gave a brief history of the recent Facility Access Control Project, noting that some of the funds allocated

were used for other projects. That coupled with the staff recommendation to reject all bids, Shuenke thought it best to take a step back from the process and evaluate the needs of the Village. Shuenke felt that additional funds would be added to the project in the upcoming budget.

Motion by Adrain, seconded by Mooney and carried unanimously by consent, that the Public Safety Committee recommends to the Village Board the rejections of all bids pertaining to the Facility Access Project.

- c. **Discussion on safety when biking and walking at night.** This item is in reference to citizens concern of pedestrians/bikers being visible at night. Mooney presented a flier on night time walk and biking at night. Mooney thought rather than enforcement, there needs to be effort to educate the public.

Adrain thought it impractical to try to ticket any type of violators.

Resources that were recommended were the McFarland Police Explorers. Mooney also thought this was an excellent Eagle School Project. Adrain suggested that McFarland Police distribute the fliers as well.

- 6. **ADJOURNMENT. Motion** by Lyons, second by Zabawa and carried 6-0 by acclamation to adjourn the November 9th, 2016 meeting of the Public Safety Committee at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Innes, Clerk