



# VILLAGE OF WINNEBAGO

## POLICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 06, 2024 at 5:30 PM

108 West Main Street and Virtually

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:31pm. PRESENT: Adam LeFevre, Jason Ackerman, Chairman Julie O'Rourke

Guests: Chief J. White, Sergeant N. Haff, Village Administrator Joey Dienberg

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

*None*

### 3. DISCLOSURE OF ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST

*None*

### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Minutes from January 31, 2024

*Motion to approve the minutes of January 31, 2024 was made by LeFevre, Seconded by Ackerman. Voting Yea: LeFevre, Ackerman, Chairman O'Rourke. Motion carried.*

### 5. DISCUSSION

a. McNair Road Radar Sign Data Review

*Chief White reviewed the maximum and average speed data, along with traffic patterns from the McNair Road Radar with the Committee. After discussion, the recommendation was made by Trustee LeFevre to make a motion at the next Board meeting to officially change the speed limit on McNair Road from 45mph to 35mph.*

b. New Radar Sign Purchase

*Chief White discussed the quote for new radar signs at length. Trustee LeFevre questioned the battery life versus solar panel. In the discussion on the price of the signs, it was recommended to go to the Board for approval since the quoted amount is above Chairperson O'Rourke's spending discretion and fell above the anticipated, budgeted amount, even with a \$100 discount.*

*Motion made by LeFevre, Seconded by Ackerman.*

*Voting Yea: LeFevre, Ackerman, Chairman O'Rourke*

c. ILETSB Camera Grant Update

*Sergeant Haff stated that there has been no update on the status at this time. He noted that since it is a reimbursement grant, the Village would only be eligible to receive the amounts already paid for the cameras.*

d. Recruitment Status Update

*Chief White informed the Committee that Officer Knudtson and Officer Mund were hired on and answered the questions presented by the Committee.*

*Sergeant Haff stated that Pecatonica is also currently hiring and they are offering more appealing benefits upon hire, so the Village may have some issues with recruitment until Pecatonica's position is filled.*

e. UTV Registrations / Activity

*Sergeant Haff stated that to date, there have been 12 UTV permits filed with the Village. Trustee Ackerman noted a lack of negative feedback on the community pages about the UTVs.*

f. HB4603 Status

*Chief White expressed his concerns with the limitations this bill would place on the police being able to effectively keep the community safe. He stated that the bill is currently with the Rules Committee as of 1/31/24. Chief White also noted that he reached out to Tony McCombie's office with his concerns and was told it likely would not go anywhere, but that her office will continue to monitor.*

g. Staffing Update

*Chief White updated the Committee on Officer Smith's leave, with an estimated return around early/mid April.*

h. Monthly Crime Statistics

*Attached to the agenda.*

i. McNeely Probation

*Discussed in Executive Session*

**6. SGT. HAFF'S REPORT**

*Sergeant Haff reported on Officer Knudtson and his training. He also stated that the LPR (License Plate Readers) are working correctly. Sergeant Haff mentioned a few other*

*technology issues but that they are being worked through. He noted that there is not currently a lot of OT being paid out, despite working short staffed.*

**7. CHIEF WHITE'S REPORT**

*Chief White informed the committee that the agency was awarded the Agency Trilogy Award from FBI LEEDA.*

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

*None.*

**9. ITEMS FOR REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

*Motion to decrease the speed limit on McNair Rd from 45mph to 35mph.*

*Motion to purchase additional radar signs for \$8,250*

*The swearing in of Officer Knudtson*

*The awarding of the Agency Trilogy Award from FBI LEEDA*

*Change in compensation for Office McNeely*

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Motion made to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters and wages. Re: McNeely Probation.*

*Motion made by LeFevre, Seconded by Ackerman. Voting Yea: LeFevre, Ackerman, Chairman O'Rourke*

*Entered Executive Session at 6:16PM*

*PRESENT: Adam LeFevre, Jason Ackerman, Chairman Julie O'Rourke, Chief White, Sgt. Haff, Joey.*

*Re-Entered Regular Session at 6:30PM*

**11. NEXT MEETING DATE**

*March 27, 2024 at 5:30pm.*

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn at 6:32 p.m. was made by Ackerman, Seconded by LeFevre. Voting Yea: LeFevre, Ackerman, Chairman O'Rourke. Motion carried.*

**APPROVED: MARCH 27, 2024**

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Julie O'Rourke, Committee Chairman