

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
JANUARY 16, 2018
5:00 PM

1. Roll Call and Call to Order

Kevin Sacia called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Members present: Kevin Sacia, Jake Ruesgen and Kurt Wood. Others present: Peg Sieger, Helen Mikrut, Mike Mikrut, Glen Brommerich, Lori M. – Bank of Trempealeau, Kim Benson, Feff Barry, Melissa N. – Every Body Massage, Megan Yang, Deb Lakey, Amy Werner, Kevin Miller, Rick Niedfeldt, Tim Moen and Nathan Patros.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Ruesgen to approve the 9-14-2017 minutes, seconded by Wood. MC 3-0

3. Knox Box Ordinance discussion

The fire department provided revisions to the Knox Box Ordinance including a onetime exemption for all buildings unless the building is a multi-family structure (3+ units) with a common area, a structure that has an alarm system that dials 911 or a multi-tenant commercial building.

The public and Village voiced opposition to the exemption restrictions:

- Building under 5,000 ft² should be exempt
- All existing building should be exempt and Knox Box installation should be voluntary
- PD evidence room should be exempt

Other issues voiced from the public include:

- Security: an article was cited that a Knox Box key was reproduced by private individual and Chief Barry noted that that only way one could penetrate the Knox Box is via a blow torch. A local business owner stated that they would move their business out of the Village if the Knox Box ordinance is required for their business due to perceived security issues.
- Financial cost of installation
- Historic building compliance – Plan Commission will consider a Certificate of Appropriateness for Knox Box installation within the Historic District
- State statute compliance: Jeff Barry, FD Chief, noted that many other municipalities have adopted this ordinance
- Conflict of interest, several board members are also members of the Fire Department

The Public Safety Committee affirmed the need for the Knox Box is for firefighter's safety in entering locked buildings and to reduce costs associated with false alarms where no fire is visibly present. A Knox Box Ordinance amendment will be drafted by the Fire Department and it will come back the Public Safety Committee.

4. 2017 Year End Report

The Police Department Year End Report was discussed. The number of service calls in 2017 was average. Of note, the following service calls showed an increase:

- Chapter 51 or 55
- Criminal Damage to Property

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- Domestic Disturbances

The following were reviewed: Vehicle maintenance for the Dodge Charge, F-150 and the Ford SUV. A discussion was had on replacing the Dodge Charger in 2019, Rick will look into replacement cost and trade in allowance.

5. Speed Boards

Speed board estimates were discussed for Highway 35 and Highway K. Hwy 35 requires 16" speed board signs estimated at \$3,595 each, plus freight (TC-1000A), and 13" speed board signs for Highway K estimated at \$2,695 each, plus freight (TC-600A). Additional funds were not allocated for these boards; these costs would come from the existing PD operational budget.

6. 2018- 2019 Humane Society contract agreement

The committee recommended approval of the agreement.

7. Employee Update (PT PD Officer resignation - noted)

8. Police Chief Incident Report and Information

The Police Department will be requesting that all PT officers work a minimum 12 shift per year. The prescription drug box will be installed in 2017.

9. Future Agenda Item Requests (no action) (none)

10. Adjournment

Motion by Ruesgen to adjourn, seconded by Wood. MC 3-0 6:38 PM