

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING – MINUTES

JULY 19, 2017

CALL COMMITTEE MEETING TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Riforgiate at 7:04 pm

PRESENT: Chairperson Chuck Riforgiate, Trustee Christine Clark, Trustee Tim Sellers. Quorum established.

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

DISCUSSION: CODE RED

Chairperson introduced the topic by questioning the cost effectiveness of maintaining the Code Red notification system. Committee members were given the most recent invoice for the Village's use of Code Red for the period 11/22/16 through 11/21/17 showing a cost of \$2500.00. Concerns were raised at the cost effectiveness of this program for the very limited use the Village has had for Code Red. Trustee Sellers suggested reaching out to Big Rock and Waterman to determine their means of emergency notification and whether collectively all 3 communities could share the costs of one Code Red account. Chairperson Riforgiate suggested the use of social media platforms as an additional public notification platform such as Facebook and Twitter. The issue was then raised about whose responsibility it would be for managing and updating the social media account. Trustee Clark suggested adding this activity to the job description of the office clerk.

DISCUSSION: ICC BUILDING CODES; UPDATE TO 2015

Chairperson Riforgiate stated that the Village of Hinckley's building codes and zoning ordinances are outdated, ambiguous and incongruent leading to public confusion and lack of clear direction. Trustee Sellers indicated that our current contract services for code enforcement does not appear to be providing a valuable service to our community. He also suggested the success of a current Village resident who held the position of building inspector that performed professionally and was well accepted. Chairperson Riforgiate advised the committee about the importance of current building codes with minimal amendments and the necessity of maintaining effective code administration in a communities' efforts to maintain their building stock and protect property values is a positive outcome of effective permit requirements and code enforcement. The consensus of the committee was to consider the adoption of the 2015 editions of the International Code Council's family of codes. Chairperson Riforgiate will take the lead on reviewing the Village's current ordinances; Trustee Clark will be gathering data regarding our year to date permit and inspection activities, the year to date permit fees collected and the year to date expenditures to Safe Built.

DISCUSSION: DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Chairperson Riforgiate introduced the topic by stating disaster preparedness for a rural community has measurable differences and requirements from an urban community. The Village needs to assess our available resources and measure each against different scenarios that the Village may be faced with in an emergency situation. Trustee Sellers advised the committee that the lead agencies in an emergency or disaster situation should be the Hinckley Police and the Hinckley Fire Protection District, and as such should be charged collectively with assembling a template for an Incident Action Plan in cooperation with the public safety committee. Going forward the committee will engage each of these agencies to begin a dialog regarding emergency preparedness.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Sellers introduced his concerns about the police departments aging fleet of vehicles and the necessity of maintaining three vehicles. The committee consensus going forward; considering the police department's current needs and staffing levels there does not appear to be a necessity to maintain three patrol cars. The committee agreed this is a concern and requires further investigation and evaluation. Trustee Sellers will be taking the lead on this project and will be meeting separately with the police chief to task her office to assemble three different scenarios for a department patrol vehicle type and equipment needs. Each vehicle scenario will be sent out for bid for committee review and recommendations to the Board. Additionally, Trustee Sellers will be seeking information to determine if the Village has a replacement fund in place for all Village owned vehicles.

OPEN DISCUSSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 8:10 PM.