

**Public Safety Committee Meeting  
February 28, 2017**

The Public Safety Committee met on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Village of Grantsburg, 316 S. Brad Street, Grantsburg, Wisconsin.

Present: Chairman, Greg Peer. Member, Diane Burton.

Absent: Member, Scott DeRocker

Others: Grantsburg, Fire Chief – Corey Barnette; Grantsburg, Police Chief – Jeff Schinzing; Grantsburg, Police Officer – Dan Wald; Dennis McKenzie – Denny's Bar & Lanes; Clerk, Patrice Bjorklund; and Treasurer, Sheila Meyer.

Chairman, Peer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. He gave the floor to Chief, Schinzing. He discussed purchase of firearms. He had discussed the conversion of M16-A1 and purchase of M4 Rifles with Dave Sohm, Firearms Dealer for Mission Critical Concepts. Treasurer, Meyer stated that the budget will allow for purchase of the 3 firearms. The quote that he is most interested in is Option #4 for (3) new M4 Rifle Quad Rail Handguard with flip-top iron sights, front and rear; red dot optic sights; Streamlight TLR-1HL Rifle kits and slings. The cost of each gun would be \$1257. He is asking for the 3 firearms to be placed in each squad vehicle. He also will be spending training money for the officers in the use of the firearms. *Motion was made by Member, Barton to recommend to the full board at the March 13, 2017 Regular Board Meeting to purchase (3) M4 Rifle Quad Rail guns for each squad at a total cost of \$3,771. She would also like to include the cost of training be implemented as well. Motion was seconded by Chairman, Peer. Carried.*

Chief, Schinzing also discussed sale of the (2) 40 Caliber High Point guns that the Grantsburg Police Department has had for approximately 4-5 years. He stated that at the time the Police Department paid \$350 apiece for them. He would like to sell them and wants to get the committee's opinion on the best way to sell them. After much discussion, Police Chief, Schinzing stated that he will do research with local gun dealers to see what he can get for sale of the firearms. He may purchase ammunition with the sale. He will report his findings to the full board at the March 13, 2017 Regular Board Meeting.

Police Chief, Schinzing discussed with the committee problems that have occurred on a regular basis with Denny's Bar & Lanes. From January 1, 2016 – February 18, 2017 there have been 24 calls to Burnett County Law Enforcement and the local Grantsburg Police Department. He stated that there have been ongoing issues with the bar not closing on time (2:30 a.m.) as well as intoxicated individuals. He stated per WI Statutes and discussion with Mario Altuzar, Special Agent of the Alcohol & Tobacco Enforcement Office of Criminal Investigation – Department of Revenue; the bowling alley which is part of the liquor licensing falls under that license. Which in essence means that the bowling alley must follow the bar closure rules implemented by the State of Wisconsin. There is no separation. The license covers the entire area. With the number of violations, Police Chief, Schinzing stated that he could implement the Point System which is detailed in the Village of Grantsburg's Code of Ordinance 7-2-17 (d)(1-4); Revocation and Suspension of Licenses; Non-Renewal to deal with the issues stated above. Mr. McKenzie is disputing the claims. He stated that the calls are not after hour's calls. The individuals involved were there waiting for rides and were not drinking, etc. Member, Barton stated that she

had heard of minors being served. Mr. McKenzie stated that to his knowledge there have been no serving of minors. He stated his bartenders watch this closely. Police Chief, Schinzing also noted that 7-2-14 (L) of the Village of Grantsburg's Code of Ordinance, it states that every licensed premise shall have a minimum of (1) clear, unobstructed and unshaded window through which to view the interior premises from the exterior. He noted that Denny's Bar & Lanes only has one window. This window is in the door of the front of the building and only shows into the entryway which is enclosed. He noted that this has to be changed. Mr. McKenzie stated that the window met the requirements previously, and didn't see an issue. Chief, Schinzing will bring all issues related to Denny's Bar & Lanes to the March 13, 2017 Regular Board Meeting to discuss. He sees this as a problem, and will start implementing more police presence at the bar because of all of the issues. He will also monitor the issues and start the implementation of the Point Assessment System in the Village of Grantsburg Code if he doesn't see changes. Mr. McKenzie will try to work with the police and the board. On a side note, Police Chief, Schinzing will also have a large police presence during Pinko Jam which will be held on: Saturday, April 8, 2017 in the village.

Chairman, Peer gave the floor to Grantsburg Fire Chief, Barnette to discuss Fire Inspections at Thing-a-ma-jigs Consignment Shop. He stated that the 4 apartments located above the store do not meet fire code and neither does the store. He also stated that there was a mattress inside the store that someone had been sleeping on regularly, so someone is living there. He also stated that the store itself is not negotiable with all of the items on the floor and blocking the back entrance. When he did the inspection with Rick Sommerfeld who is the Department of Safety and Professional Services, Fire Coordinator for District 1 in the State of Wisconsin; Mr. Sommerfeld told Chief, Barnette that he would like to see the building closed for safety reasons, and prevention and education need to be reviewed with the owner. Fire Chief, Barnette is reporting his findings for this building to this committee and is very concerned. He also has a list of at least 8 other buildings that are nearly as bad as far as fire safety. After much discussion, the committee will have Clerk, Bjorklund draft a letter to the commercial/rental properties that are in violation. She will review the letter with Police Chief, Schinzing before sending to the violators. The letter will give the violators a deadline of 30 days to have all violations remedied. Police Chief, Schinzing will also present this issue to the Full Board at the March 13, 2017 Regular Board Meeting for discussion.

*Motion to adjourn by Chairman, Peer at 10:17 a.m.; seconded by Member, Barton. Carried.*

Patrice Bjorklund  
Village Clerk

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