



Village of Grantsburg

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, July 9, 2020

The Public Safety Committee for the Village of Grantsburg met on Thursday, July 9, 2020, at 6:00 pm at the Village Office, 316 S. Brad Street, Grantsburg, WI.

Present: President Longhenry, Trustee Peer, Trustee Sturdevant.

Others: Police Chief Wald, Clerk/Treasurer Meyer, Bruce Scheider, Jerry Kozak, Scott Doornink

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Peer call the Public Safety Committee meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Library Request-Background Checks: Chief Wald was asked by the library if the Police Department could perform background checks for potential library employees and/or volunteers. It was discussed that the Library staff can utilize the same system as the Police Department at the same cost as well as other means such as public records and social media accounts. The committee felt Chief Wald could inform the library they can perform backgrounds checks without assistance from the Police Department.

BC Agricultural Society-Demolition Derby: Scheider detailed the Burnett County Ag Fair Board plans for a tractor pull on August 1 and Demolition Derby on August 29. They have increased grandstand seating to encourage social distancing, put guidelines in place for food service and will keep all buildings closed during both events. They also have increased the pit area and expanded parking for spectators into the midway. They plan to have as many as 200 cars in the derby this year but are not expecting large crowds. Scheider has been on Zoom calls with the State Fair Board over the last couple months to help better prepare for these events. Chief Wald voiced his concerns for potential need for crowd control with such a large event and other current events. Chief Wald will be meeting with other area Chiefs and the Sheriff to plan for potential issues. It was discussed and the Committee recommends to the Village Board that the Village will not charge fees for the required extra police presence on the day of the demolition derby.

Operator's License-Revoke: Chief Wald detailed an incident in which a local establishment had been reported to have sold alcohol to an underage person on one occasion. The reported individual pled 'no-contest' and paid the fine for an ordinance violation of \$185. This is a revocable offence regarding the reported individual's operator's license. **Longhenry made a motion to recommend to the Village Board that this individual's operator's license be revoked. Peer second. Longhenry Peer aye. Motion carried. Sturdevant opposed.**

Sale of Corn-Update: Chief Wald reported the Village had received complaints regarding corn sales on Highway 70. Over the past several weeks, officers patrolled that area and found no safety or traffic concerns with the corn sales. No other concerns were discussed.

Cleanup-Expand to businesses: The Committee discussed the potential of expanding Spring Clean-Up to include businesses. The Committee would like to have more conversation with the Director of Public Works regarding any concerns with expanding to businesses and if so, should there be limits put in place.

Ordinance Enforcement-Update: Chief Wald reported that the Police Department sent out 60 letters to property owners that were in violation with the Property Maintenance and/or Nuisance Ordinance. Officers also later made contact to reminded those who were not on the Spring Clean-Up list to sign up. Once the clean-up week is complete, the Officers will review the properties again and provide notice prior to issuing ordinance violations. Chief Wald felt they were successful regarding lawn compliance but will have more difficulty with unregistered, non-operable vehicles.

Probationary Review-Getts: Chief Wald informed the Committee that Officer Getts' probationary period will expire August 23, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT Sturdevant made a motion to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Longhenry second. Motion carried.

Allison Longhenry
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer