

**Public Safety Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at 6:00 pm**  
**Village Hall**  
**405 Main St. Pecatonica, IL**

1. **Call to Order-** The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Marilyn Wilke at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, March 1, 2023.
2. **Roll call –** Chairman Marilyn Wilke, and Village Trustees Kathy Doty and Gerald Howard were present.

Also in attendance were Village President Tom Heister, Sergeant Interim Chief Al Nylund, Matt Summers and Marjory Herbig.

3. **Additions/Corrections to the Agenda-**

Add 9. A. Less Lethal Training

4. **Approve the Agenda -**

A motion was made by Trustee Howard and seconded by Trustee Doty to approve the agenda as amended. Discussion, A roll call vote was taken. All present voted yes. Motion approved 3-0-0.

5. **Public Comment-**

Marjory Herbig addressed the committee in regards to the parking at 4<sup>th</sup> and Main Street, in front of Green Bean it makes it very difficult to cross or turn onto Main Street. She is requesting that the Village install no parking signs for the first couple parking spots to allow more visibility. Discussion. The committee discussed creating a drop off zone on west 4<sup>th</sup> Street for Green Bean. This will be discussed at future meetings.

6. **Approve the February 1, 2023 Minutes-**

A motion was made by Trustee Doty and seconded by Trustee Howard to approve the February 1, 2023 minutes. Discussion. A roll call vote was taken. All present voted yes. Motion approved 3-0-0

7. **Review the Current Financials-**

The committee discussed the current financials. The committee also discussed the upcoming budget. The committee reviewed the planned budget numbers for a fully staffed police department, and uniform allowance. The budget will be further discussed at the Finance Committee meeting.

8. **Equipment Review-**

The committee discussed the Breathalyzer that was purchased. This purchase was not made following the current purchasing policy. The cost of the machine was \$2,700.00. There is a restocking fee if the machine is returned. Discussion. The committee is requesting more information on the number of DUI's in the past 5 years, Nylund to get this information to the committee at the next meeting. To be discussed at the April 5, 2023 committee meeting.

Sergeant Nylund is requesting to purchase a PA microphone system for the 2020 Tahoe. The cost of the microphone is \$80.00. A motion was made by Trustee Doty and seconded by Trustee Howard to approve the purchase of system. Discussion. A roll call vote was taken. All present voted yes. Motion approved 3-0-0.

The committee discussed the up fitting of the new Tahoe. Sergeant Nylund is working on getting 3 quotes for the up fitting. The committee asked for Nylund to put together a complete list of items required to complete the new Tahoe. The committee will continue to discuss this at the next meeting.

The committee discussed the status of disposal of the guns and Tasers. Sergeant Nylund is still working on the paperwork required to dispose of the guns, and then they will move forward to have ordinance drawn up for disposal.

## **9. Current Personal Status-**

The committee discussed the appointment of Matt Summers as the new Police Chief in Pecatonica. There will be an open house to introduce him to the residents in March. We have one part-time officer that has joined the police department. He is in need of a few items Sergeant Nylund informed the committee of the items needed (duty belt, pepper spray and handcuffs). The Village currently has three part time officers. We are still in need of one full time officer to be fully staffed. Discussion. Chief Summers discussed adding funding to the training line items for budget purpose to possibly cover the cost of training at the academy for a new officer. The current cost of training is approximately \$7,500.00 which includes housing and food. The committee discussed a contract between the village and officer to remain employed with the village for an agreed period or employee would have to repay the village for the training cost. To be discussed at future meetings.

### **9. A. Less Lethal Training-**

The committee discussed the Less Lethal Training that Sergeant Nylund was originally going to attend in Florida. Discussion. There are possible options for the training locally.

A motion was made by Trustee Howard and seconded by Trustee Doty to not move forward with the less lethal training in Florida for Sergeant Nylund. Discussion. A roll call vote was taken. All present voted yes. Motion approved 3-0-0

## **10. Review Guide Lines of the Purchasing Policy-**

The committee discussed the current Purchasing Policy guidelines, this policy will be reviewed at the upcoming Village Board Meeting.

## **11. New Business**

None

## **12. Adjournment –**

A motion was made by Trustee Doty and seconded by Trustee Howard to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm