



## PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday August 11, 2021 09:00

09:05 Called to Order by Kevin Sedivy

### Present:

Kevin Sedivy, Co-Chair  
Bob Heales, Co-Chair  
Curt Mowers  
Police Chief Erik Lee  
Kevin Lee, North Ambulance  
Mayor Dave Nevin  
Council Member Aaron Herzog

### Absent:

Fire Chief Chip Lohmiller

- 1) Sedivy presented a copy of the "Crosslake Training Tower Use Agreement for Outside Agencies, Operations Manual, Meeting Room Fee Schedule" which was prepared by Chief Lohmiller and him. Brief Discussion. Further discussion regarding proposed fees and who can use facilities at no cost **tabled** until next meeting to obtain input from Chief Lohmiller.
- 2) Pay increase for Fire Department. Chief Lohmiller submitted recommendations before the meeting. Recommends hourly increase from \$15 to \$20. Increases payroll budget 25%. Increase budget from \$25,000 to \$35,000 depending on call volume.  
  
Duty crew stipend increase from \$30 to \$60 per month. Members are required to be on call 3 times per month from 9PM to 6AM and responds to calls during that time. Increases budget by \$8,260.  
  
Committee felt recommendations were reasonable. Further discussion **tabled** until next meeting when Chief Lohmiller is present. Herzog requested **copies for Council review** prior to budget discussions later this month.
- 3) Police Department increases to be negotiated by City Council. No updates at this time.
- 4) Crosswalk update by Heales. All signs and lights were delivered Tuesday August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mayor Nevin determined ADA ramp installation was scheduled for later next week. The 2 ADA bump tiles still needed to be acquired. He stated he would speak with Ted at Public works to further coordinate. Sedivy reported that his contact with MNDOT stated that they install signs and lights prior to ADA ramps being updated if the updates were scheduled for the future. Mayor Nevin felt the county would not let us proceed without the ramps. Approximate cost \$9,000. Engineer has charged \$8,000 to date and another \$2,000 to supervise installation. Committee agreed to move forward as planned.
- 5) Kevin Sedivy submitted his resignation letter due to his move from Crosslake. He was thanked for his service to the community through his involvement with this committee and the construction and remodeling of City Hall/Police and Fire Department Buildings. His resignation was regrettably accepted.

- 6) Rob Kniefel's application for this committee was approved by the City Council.
- 7) Chief Lee reported that the new officer Adam Casanova has started Part Time. The Police Department will join the Chile Cookoff this year. 100 insulated mugs with a badge imprint will be sold at \$25 each and those who buy will be entered in a raffle for an Arctic Cooler. There was some general discussion of support for our police department and good public relations within our community.
- 8) What is the committee's role regarding new police and fire applicants? Herzog suggested **guidelines be developed** for this committee as well as the need to keep discussions confidential as they may involve personnel issues and other sensitive matters. The committee suggested **monthly updates** regarding PD, Fire, and EMS calls to be better informed and also so that special situations may be recognized.

Is this a Committee or a Commission? Are there benefits for one over the other? Mayor Nevin to discuss with Brad Person.

Chief Lee discussed that a "Use of Force" Committee may need to be established and gave examples. He also discussed equipment upgrades required for the police department including periodically replacing outdated rifles and hand guns.

- 9) Chief Lee gave an update on golf cart use on streets in Crosslake and why he feels they should continue to be banned for safety reasons. A **review** will be **added to the next agenda** to discuss changes by Nisswa and Crow Wing County and their rules. Illegal activity by ATVs was also discussed.
- 10) Kevin Lee reported that North added 3 new ambulances in our area, one being for Crosslake.

10:35 Meeting Adjourned.