



MEETING MINUTES

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE BOARD

TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016

6:30 P.M.

TRAINING ROOM OF VILLAGE HALL

- Members Present: Trustee Ted McKenna, Chair
Trustee Senta Plunkett
Trustee Julie Wolf
- Members Absent: None
- Staff Present: Michael Braiman, Assistant Village Manager
Michael McGreal, Fire Chief
Thomas Robertson, Deputy Fire Chief
Rob Brill, Duty Chief

I. CALL TO ORDER.

Trustee Ted McKenna, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Committee members Trustees Plunkett and Wolf were present.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee McKenna directed the Committee’s attention to the draft minutes of the Public Safety Committee meeting of September 23, 2014. Trustee Wolf moved that the Committee approve the minutes, seconded by Trustee Plunkett.

No further discussion occurred on the motion. Upon a call of the roll the following voted:

Ayes Trustees McKenna, Plunkett, and Wolf.
Nays: None.

The motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Assistant Village Manager Mike Braiman stated they had hoped to have Police Staffing on the agenda for this meeting, but Chief Brian King had a previous commitment. Chief King is having an internal analysis of staffing conducted and a report will be completed. At the next Public Safety Committee meeting this will be reviewed and discussed. The Committee agreed to meet again on May 24, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

IV. DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION REGARDING FIRE AND BUILDING CODE UPDATES

Chief Mike McGreal presented and demonstrated information on the anticipation of updating the Building and Fire Codes from the 2006 International Code Council family of codes to the 2015 codes. The Fire Department will be working with the Community Development Department for the next several months on the project. Chief McGreal identified a major change resulting from updating the building codes that would require all new one and two family dwellings to be outfitted with residential sprinklers. When the current code was implemented, it too required sprinklers in all new construction but the Village elected to carve out that portion and did not require sprinklers when engineered wood was used in the construction. Chief McGreal state that under the existing requirements, of the 225 new homes built since 2010, 55 homes have been sprinkled.

The Committee asked what the cost of sprinkler protection in a residence would be.

Chief McGreal said the range of the cost in Wilmette, is from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per square foot of the home and provided examples of specific addresses and their cost per square foot. He explained that the plan review is completed by staff and is \$109 and inspections are \$49.00. The sprinkler system does not require annual maintenance other than an annual inspection and certification of the back flow device which costs approximately \$150. The back flow certifications are performed by a certified contractor.

Trustee Ted McKenna stated he would like information to go out to the community regarding residential sprinklers and the proposed ordinance.

Chief McGreal said he would work with Community Development on this.

Trustee McKenna summarized the Committee's discussion, stating that the Committee and Village Board need additional public input before any recommendation can be made regarding sprinkler regulations, and that at this time, the Committee is not recommending acceptance of the 2016 building code.

V. DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION REGARDING FIRE ACCREDITATION AND THE STANDARD OF COVER DOCUMENT

Chief McGreal introduced Duty Chief Rob Brill who will be heading up the 2016 Accreditation process and the adoption of the Standard of Cover.

Duty Chief Brill reviewed the Standards of Cover report presented to the Committee. He said on June 4, 2016, 4 fire professionals are coming to the fire department for a site visit for 4 days. The department has been accredited since 2001 and is required to reapply for re-accreditation every 5 years. He said that this evaluation is measuring best practices and standards throughout the industry and explained the different pieces of the evaluation. This evaluation measures what the Fire Department does to make sure they are doing everything proficiently to protect the community and the employees of the village. It identifies the Fire Department's strengths and weaknesses and allows them to develop strategies for improvements. Every aspect of the Fire Department's operations is evaluated and the evaluation measures 215 performance indicators.

Duty Chief Brill reviewed how the assessors spend time reviewing documents, talking to personnel, visiting the different establishments in the village and our dispatch center in Northbrook.

Trustee McKenna asked what it would take to change our ISO rating from our present "2" to a "1".

Deputy Chief Robertson said he is looking into that and will report at a future meeting.

Trustee Plunkett stated that when interviewing applicants for the position of firefighter, many of them stated that one of the reasons they are applying for Wilmette is because the Fire Department is accredited.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Wolf moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m., seconded by Trustee Plunkett. All voted aye, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael McGreal
Fire Chief