



**MEETING MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE BOARD**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2017
7:00 P.M.
FIRE STATION #26
1304 LAKE AVENUE, WILMETTE, IL 60091**

Members Present: Trustee Joel Kurzman, Chair
Trustee Senta Plunkett
Trustee Kathy Dodd

Staff Present: Michael Braiman, Assistant Village Manager
Ben Wozney, Fire Chief
Rob Brill, Deputy Fire Chief

I. CALL TO ORDER.

Trustee Joel Kurzman, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m. Committee members Trustees Plunkett and Dodd were present.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Kurzman directed the Committee’s attention to the draft minutes of the Public Safety Committee meeting of May 24, 2016. Trustee Plunkett moved that the Committee approve the minutes, seconded by Trustee Dodd. All voted aye. The motion carried.

III. DISCUSSION OF AMENDMENTS TO HIGH RISE ORDINANCE #2010-O-10

Chief Wozney summarized the history of the high rise ordinance which was adopted in 2010 and requires the three high rise buildings of 75 feet or taller on Sheridan Road to be protected by fire sprinkler systems throughout the building, including dwelling units. Chief Wozney discussed the fire safety compliance plans as drafted by the buildings’ consultant and approved by the Fire Department. The approved plans require sprinklers in the common and hazard areas, and fire alarms in the dwelling units. Based on the 70 decibel requirement for fire alarms in each bedroom, many units will need to install additional audio speakers. Currently,

no work has been performed on any of the life safety components which includes sprinkler systems or fire alarms.

The Committee discussed whether the buildings were making sufficient progress to warrant an extension of the deadline or if citations were appropriate at this time. There was consensus amongst the Committee that the deadline should be extended, but the Committee asked that the buildings be aware of potential citations, and that the hitting milestone dates are critical. The Committee felt it was important to communicate that further extensions are unlikely.

Trustee Plunkett made a motion to recommend that the Village Board adopt an ordinance amending Ordinance #2010-O-10 regarding the high rise life safety compliance deadline. The motion was seconded by Trustee Dodd. All voted aye. The motion carried.

IV. DISCUSSION OF FLEET REDUCTION PLAN

Chair Kurzman directed the Committee's attention to the proposed fleet reduction plan. Chief Wozney summarized the Fire Department's apparatus fleet and stated that the department is recommending to reduce the fleet by one. The Department will be proposing in the FY 2018 – 2027 CIP to retire the 1989 tower ladder and the 1996 fire engine pumper. These two vehicles would be replaced by one fire engine pumper. The new engine would meet the operational needs of the department and would have a 35' ladder, a 500 gallon water tank (the retired ladder truck has a 300 gallon tank), and additional hose to provide versatility on the fire ground. This will reduce the fleet by one vehicle and save \$1.25 million in future vehicle replacement costs. The Committee concurred with the Staff recommendation to proceed with the fleet reduction plan.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Plunkett moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m., seconded by Trustee Dodd. All voted aye, the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Braiman
Assistant Village Manager