

VILLAGE OF BONDUEL
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 22, 2019

Chairperson Zuleger called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Zuleger read a statement regarding the posting of the meeting.

Present: Brenda Staszak, Kay Zuleger and Tim Kelley. Also, present, Chief of Police, Antonio Escalante; Fire Chief, Robbie Woldt; Clerk, Michelle Maroszek; Trustee, Barb Wickman; Part-Time Police Officer, Rebecca Praegitzer; Village Residents, Dave and Deb Hull, Brent Zuleger, Tom Zernicke, Michelle Ballestad, Todd Wohlfeil, and Justin and Gina Shatters.

AGENDA: Motion by Kelley, second by Staszak, to approve agenda as presented and deviate from the order as necessary. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES. Motion by Staszak, second by Kelley, to approve minutes from the June 26, 2019 Public Safety Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Chief Report: Fire Chief Woldt, reported that there have been 28 calls this year to date. The Department purchased a gear dryer from their Fireman's Fund. Founders day raffle tickets are printed and being sold. Woldt thanked Officer Praegitzer for help over the weekend and for her service to the community.

Police Chief Report: Police Chief Escalante, reported that staffing continues to be an issue. Escalante has been obtaining quotes for the new squad which will be shared later in the meeting. Attended Kindergarten event at school last week for the students check out his squad and ask questions.

G1. 4th of July Celebration Traffic Concerns. Gina Shatters, representative of the Bonduel Civic Association, shared concerns on traffic control during the 4th of July Parade this year. Up until this year the Civic Association has never had a problem getting enough help from the Police and Fire Department. Shatters shared that this event has been going on for over a hundred years and that the 4th of July comes up the same time every year, having enough coverage on that day should not be something new. Chief Escalante stated that he was short staffed and that his main focus of patrol was the parade route. Escalante did not receive the final fireworks permit and was not aware of no parking signs being posted on Cedar Street. It was noted that the no parking signs on Cedar are put up every year to keep road open for parade floats to get through after the parade. Chairperson, Zuleger asked group what needs to be done to make this better for next year and encouraged all entities to work together. By consensus the committee agreed

to bring the item back to the January 2020 meeting and to invite the Civic Association to attend to discuss traffic concerns for the upcoming 4th of July.

H2. Ordinances 22.2 possession and use of firearms and 22.3 throwing or shooting. Letters were sent to all parties who expressed concern at the Village Board meeting in November 2018. Maroszek stated that a few parties had responded prior to the meeting. Tom Zernike was in attendance and stated where hunting was being done on his properties. The committee asked Maroszek to contact the other landowners prior to the next meeting. A map and parcel descriptions will be presented at the next meeting. By consensus the committee moved item to the next meeting.

G4. Ordinance 24.6 Junk, certain vehicles, recreational equipment and firewood. Michelle Ballestad addressed the board with her concerns about parking camper in yard during the summer months. The committee reviewed samples of other municipal ordinances on parking recreational vehicles on property. The committee agreed that the Village of Cambria sample had the best wording and agreed to have Maroszek add the language and to bring a mocked-up copy to the next meeting to review. By consensus the committee agreed to move to next meeting.

G7. Ordinance 22.8 Littering. Escalante checked with the Attorney Tom Martel if residents need to take care of their right of way, and if he could enforce the littering ordinance in regards to grass clippings. Attorney Martel stated that the Village does not have an ordinance requiring residents to take care of their right of ways. This would need to be adopted by ordinance if Escalante is to enforce the clippings in the roadways. Resident, Dave Hull, questioned why the Village isn't utilizing the street sweeper more often to help resolve these issues. The committee agreed that the current ordinance should stay the way it is, and not to add grass clippings to the littering ordinance. Wickman asked the committee if they would recommend this agenda item to the Municipal Operations Committee to look at in further detail. Motion by Zuleger, second by Staszak, to move Ordinance 22.8 Littering, to the Municipal Operations committee to review. Motion carried unanimously.

H4. Full Time Police Officer. Resident Dave Hull, expressed he is in favor of having more police presence in the Village. Hull supported the idea of hiring a full-time Police Officer to allow for more coverage. Escalante continues to have issues with part-time officers and getting enough coverage when needed. In hiring a full-time officer, the village would have guaranteed coverage. Maroszek shared the costs for hiring a full-time officer which included wages, FICA taxes, retirement and benefits. Cost could range from \$53,000 to \$60,000 a year for the additional officer. Zuleger asked if the Village has explored having Shawano County cover the

area, and what those costs would be. Wickman stated that it had been some time since it was looked at, but knew that it was pricey. Maroszek shared that other municipalities use the county, but the coverage is less. The committee asked that Maroszek get numbers from the county and check into this option for the next meeting. By consensus the committee moved this item to the next meeting.

G8. Closed Session. Motion by Staszak, second by Kelley, to move to closed session for approximately five minutes to discuss part time Police officer evaluation. Inviting Chief Escalante, Clerk Maroszek, Trustee Wickman and officer Praegitzer. [Pursuant to Wis. State Statutes, Chapter 19, General Duties of Public Officials, subchapter V, 19.85 exemptions (1)(c): Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.] Roll call vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously. Moved to closed session at 5:37 pm

Motion by Kelley, second by Staszak, to return to open session. Roll call vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously. Committee returned to open session at 6:23 p.m.

G2 & G3. Policy regarding garden sheds and Ordinance on fences and walls. Building Inspector, Paul Hahn, was not at the meeting to discuss agenda items. By consensus the committee agreed to move agenda items to the next meeting.

G5. Ordinance 28.12 Skateboards and 28.13 Inline Skates. Committee discussed ordinance and agreed that if a business did not want skateboards or skates on property, it would be their responsibility to post it and regulate it. Motion by Kelley, second by Zuleger, to recommend to the board to remove Ordinance 28.12 Skateboards and roller skates and Ordinance 28.13 Inline skates regulated, from the Village municipal code. Motion carried unanimously.

G6. Ordinance 22.5 Sale and Use of fireworks. Committee reviewed other municipality ordinances on firework sales and use. Most are similar to the Village's current ordinance. By consensus the committee agreed to leave the ordinance as is and to remove the item for the agenda.

H1. Village Emergency Response Plan. Motion by Kelley, second by Staszak to recommend to the board to adopt the Village Emergency Response Plan with updated information. Motion carried unanimously.

H3. Purchase of 2019 Police Squad. Escalante presented the pricing options for 2019 squad. Escalante obtain various pricing from dealers for a Dodge Charger AWD, Ford Interceptor (Explorer), and Ford F150 Responder Crew Cab. Also, presented were the costs for the new

equipment and installation for the various vehicles. Committee questioned how much storage there would be with the pickup truck and the placement of the equipment. Kelley stated that this should be moved to the next meeting when the committee will look at the hiring of a full-time officer and the pricing of hiring the County for services. This decision could influence the need for a squad. By consensus the committee agreed to move item to the next meeting for a final decision.

Next meeting: Monday, August 26 at 4:00 p.m.

Motion by Staszak, second by Kelley, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Maroszek, Clerk/Treasurer