

Village of Bradley  
Police & Fire Committee  
Monday, March 4, 2019  
4:45 PM

Members Present: Trustee Gadbois, Trustee Allen, Trustee Watson, Chief Johnston, Chief Eggert, Lt. Mason and Trustee Redmond.

**Public Comment** –None

**FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Eggert**

Chief Eggert reported that 2 POC's has given their resignation. Chief and his staff continue to work on staffing schedule and shift schedules for coverage. Response time has been improving.

Chief talked about the collections of bills and is working on having a better accounting of the collections.

The ordinance for Fire and EMS calls is dated and needs to be reviewed. Trustee Gadbois asked the Chief to collect the surrounding areas fee schedule and present a comparison to the ordinance committee for review as well as bring back to this committee. Chief mentioned there is a lot to consider –

insurance/Medicare/Medicaid– accepting what they pay – there has been some talk about the village contracting out with a collection agency – as well as reviewing Andre's stats with billing and collections.

Chief mentioned there are some past practices that need to also be reviewed in terms of collections and

Trustee Watson asked about the multi calls to same address and what does the Chief think about this topic? Chief will be taking a look at the last report given to the committee and bring back some suggestions at the next committee meeting.

**Additional Department Report**

Chief Eggert mentioned he has been working with Bourbonnais Fire Protection District on a joint purchasing opportunity – these are items within the budget hoses, etc. This will give each department better pricing on same type items at a lower cost per department. Chief hopes to spread this out even more with other departments or districts.

**Police Department – Chief Johnston**

**OT**

Sergeant and Patrol line items for the budget is still in the black – with the hiring of additional patrol officers, promotion of a new Lt and the promotion of a Sergeant, has stabilized staffing levels, resulting in a significant decrease in patrol officer overtime.

Dispatch – this OT line has exceeded the budgeted amount – the overage is due to the contractual language in the CBA and the necessary filling of the shifts.

Records Department – The records department is under budget as well. The OT spent in this line item primarily goes to having a records clerk enter data into IDROP. So far, approximately \$ 67,000.00 has been collected in unpaid fines and fees with an overtime expenditure of approximately \$5500.00.

### **Department Discussion**

Chief Johnston let the committee know that Sergeant Berry is attending the School of Police & Staff Command through Northwestern University. Chief Johnston did apply for the scholarship offered by Northwestern University. The scholarship was awarded to cover tuition for the course which was \$4000.00.

Chief has one officer attending the SWAT Training – this expense as well as a majority of the equipment and uniforms have been covered by HomeStar Bank. Chief will be bringing this to the full board.

### **Other**

Trustee Watson had asked at previous meeting about Attorney Charlie McCarthy – McCarthy is the attorney used to prosecute local ordinance tickets at the Court House. There has been a good line of communication between the department and Mr. McCarthy – when there are no cases for him to represent, the Chief will let him know he does not need to appear for the Village. This will avoid unnecessary charges.

Detective Bureau – as mentioned at the last aboard meeting, the most recent three incidents in the Village:

- Whiskey House fight
- Boost Mobile Cell Phone Robbery
- Armed robbery in the 1300 blk of Inglesh

All of the incidents have been cleared and arrests made in each incident.

Chief Johnston is working on a few ordinance ideas:

- Drug Paraphernalia Ordinance
- Penalty Provisions
- Compliance Ordinance (Non-Moving Violations being sent to Adjudication)

Trustee Gadbois asked Chief to bring to the next committee meeting a current list along with his recommendations.

Trustee Gadbois asked the Chief for his position on the legislative discussion of legalization of recreational cannabis. Chief Johnston stated that he does NOT support the legalization of recreational cannabis use. Chief Johnston intends to submit a witness slip opposing any such change in the law. However, Chief Johnston does support medical cannabis use as prescribed by a doctor.

Trustee Watson had asked the Chief at a previous board meeting about the expense of the New World Conference. Chief explained that he had budgeted for FY 19 this participation because the current employee who is proficient with New World has expressed an interest in retiring at some point. Chief has identified two personnel:

- Lt. Robert Mason
- Dispatcher Jeremy Shaul

Chief Johnston, in the interest of succession planning, believes the two individuals selected to attend the conference will be capable of taking on New World responsibilities and creating a smooth transition when the current New World point of contact retires. An email from current New World point of contact, Jeff Hackley, was read to the committee recommending sending the two individuals.

- Airfare for both attendees is \$603.92
- Hotel expense is \$791. Per person. The training is held at the hotel.
- Conference Cost is \$950.00

**Total Cost for Both Attendees \$4085.92**

Trustee Watson asked about Gail Schultz's reassignment to the Police Department. Chief stated Gail is now in the Police Records Department and she is doing a great job. Because the PD has taken on some of the code adjudication and ticket entries and Landlord Registration, Gail would be better suited to be a part of the Police Records Department. Gail will continue to perform these tasks as well as continue working on some of the other specialty tasks she has been doing for the Village.

Trustee Watson moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:27 pm, seconded by Trustee Allen. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,



Trustee Gadbois  
Chair, Police & Fire Committee