Minutes from the **Tuesday March 7, 2017**

Police & Fire Committee Meeting

In attendance: Members of the committee: Trustees Melissa Carrico, Lori Gadbois (Eric Cry absent), Chief Johnston, Lt. Boudreau, Officer Baxter, Village Administrator Lisa Power, one member from the public Antonio Carrico.

1. *Call to order* @ 6:06pm.
2. *Police Vehicles:* Since June 1st Chief Johnston has been doing a study on the fleet of police vehicles to begin a budget discussion on the future replacement schedule of the fleet. There have been numerous recalls and issues with many of the 2012 Dodge Chargers and only the power train warranty left on them. Currently we have 30 vehicles in our fleet and the 7 Ford Explorers that we currently own have had little to no issues and are better suited for the police equipment. Chief Johnston presented finance versus purchase options that will need to be discussed with Treasurer Pries and the full board during budget discussions. A replacement schedule would need to be determined that meets the needs of the department as well as be affordable for the Village to allow for a comfortable number to be replaced and a certain number to be under warranty to keep repair costs at a manageable level.
3. *Staffing Study:* Chief Johnston presented his Police Staffing Study. He is trying to be pro-active with the increasing needs of the Village due to our steadily increasing retail base and residents to the area and plan for the next 3-5 years. From 2000-2010 there has been a 21% population growth and we have maintained the same staffing levels for many, many years. We discussed the benefits of adding additional officers that would allow for an increase of community services provided to residents, increase the coverage of areas patrolled, decrease the work load and increase officer safety. We currently have 32 sworn officers and 21 of those are Patrol officers.
4. *Adjourn* @7:35pm

   No recommendation was needed from the committee at this time but only information provided prior to budget discussions.