

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND
Public Safety Committee Minutes

Wednesday, August 8, 2018 - 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL.

Village Trustee Jerry Adrian called the regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee to order at 6:30 PM in Conference Room A.

Members present: Village Trustee Jerry Adrian, Tom Mooney, Ken Machtan, Tyler Mortenson, Rich Staley, Village Trustee Carolyn Clow

Members not present: Sandy Bakk, Kathryn Lyons

Staff Present: Police Chief Craig Sherven, Fire Chief Chris Dennis, Emergency Management Director Chuck Di Piazza

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

Roxanne Hoks, 3404 Jenness Ave, addressed the Committee regarding a crosswalk on Siggelkow near Brandt Park and indicated that she was in support of adding one.

Rachel Fisher-Kay, 5121 Glen Rd, addressed the Committee and requested 15 mph speed limit signs in her neighborhood.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

a. Motion to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2018 Public Safety Committee meeting.

Motion by Ken Machtan, second by Village Trustee Carolyn Clow, to Approve the minutes of the July 11, 2018 Public Safety Committee meeting. Motion carries 6 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

4. BUSINESS.

a. Staff Reports

1) Fire and Rescue Department

Chief Dennis reviewed the monthly report.

2) Police Department

Chief Sherven reviewed the monthly report.

3) Emergency Management

Emergency Management Director Di Piazza reviewed the monthly report.

b. Discussion and recommendation on a request to consider safety upgrades to Siggelkow

Road near Brandt Park.

The Committee discussed that the concerns and the problems with putting in a crosswalk mid-block. It was determined that the Committee could identify it as a problem and safety concern but Public Works would need to look at it to determine feasibility/solutions.

Motion by Village Trustee Carolyn Clow, second by Ken Machtan, to determine that there is a public safety concern at Siggelkow near Brandt Park and to refer the matter to the Public Works Committee. Motion carries 6 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

c. Discussion and recommendation on a special event license and a temporary class b beer license for the Friends of McFarland Library to hold a Beer & Ice Cream tasting on August 23, 2018 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Motion by Ken Machtan, second by Rich Staley, to Recommend Approval on a special event license and a temporary class b beer license for the Friends of McFarland Library to hold a Beer & Ice Cream tasting on August 23, 2018 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Motion carries 6 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

d. License Hearing

1) Conduct hearing on the recommendation from Chief Sherven to deny the issuance of an operator's license for Joseph Stoflet for the period ending June 30, 2019.

A hearing on the recommendation to deny the issuance of an Alcohol Beverage Operator's License for Joseph Stoflet was conducted at 7:22 p.m. by the Public Safety Committee on August 8, 2018 in Conference Room A of the McFarland Municipal Center, 5915 Milwaukee Street, McFarland, Wisconsin.

The hearing was conducted per McFarland Village Ordinance 11-67(d).

Public Safety Committee members present were Trustees Jerry Adrian and Carolyn Clow and citizen members Ken Machtan, Tom Mooney, Rich Staley, and Tyler Mortenson. Staff present were Police Chief Craig Sherven, Emergency Management Director Charles Di Piazza, Fire Chief Chris Dennis, and Deputy Clerk O'Malley. Others present were applicant Joseph Stoflet and 5100 Manager, Damien Kraemer.

Deputy Clerk O'Malley swore in Chief Sherven, who provided the following exhibits:
Exhibit A. A copy of the initial "Application for an Alcohol Beverage Operator's License" and supporting materials completed by Joseph Stoflet.

Exhibit B. A copy of the July 10, 2018 memo to the Public Safety Committee from Chief Craig Sherven, apprising them of his recommendation of denial of the Alcohol Beverage Operator's License for Joseph Stoflet and the reasons for this recommendation.

Exhibit C. A copy of the July 11, 2018 letter to Joseph Stoflet from Village Clerk Cassandra Suettinger notifying him of the denial hearing process.

Chief Sherven presented the following testimony:

He indicated that Mr. Stoflet had a hearing before the Public Safety Committee in 2017 because the license was recommended for denial. At that time, the Committee recommended approval to the Village Board with the condition that any additional violations be reported within 30 days. Mr. Stoflet was convicted in March of 2018 for possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia and based on the Village's ordinance would be classified as a habitual law offender. Additionally, the violations that occurred in the past year were not reported as conditioned upon last year's license. Based on this information, Chief Sherven recommended denial of the operator's license.

Deputy Clerk O'Malley swore in Joseph Stoflet, who provided the following testimony: He indicated that he did not report the violations because sentencing was not completed until May, and he was hoping not to be charged. Additionally, there were a number of changes happening at 5100 and he was not sure if he would continue working there. He stated that he would not have requested this hearing if he were not making every effort to better his life. It was a friend who had the marijuana and paraphernalia in his car and the friend did not confess to having it. He took the fall for his friend who would not confess. He also indicated that it was just marijuana and it was only a small amount.

Deputy Clerk O'Malley swore in Damien Kraemer, who provided the following testimony:

He stated that he had been working with Mr. Stoflet on a regular, daily basis and had seen his character. He stated that Mr. Stoflet had earned his respect and thought it was important to convey to the committee. He indicated that he had seen Mr. Stoflet handle alcohol responsibilities in a legal and correct manner.

The hearing proceeded with discussion by the Committee.

2) Discussion and recommendation on the renewal of an operator's license for Joseph Stoflet for the period ending June 30, 2019.

Motion by Village Trustee Jerry Adrian, second by Village Trustee Carolyn Clow, to Recommend Denial to the Village Board on the renewal of an operator's license for Joseph Stoflet for the period ending June 30, 2019 based on the recommendation from Chief Sherven in the letter addressed to the Public Safety Committee dated July 10, 2018. Motion carries 6 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

Information was provided about the Village Board meeting and the next steps and options for the applicant. The hearing was closed at 7:37 p.m.

e. Discussion and recommendation on an ordinance amendment to sec. 35-159 of the Village ordinance regarding parking heavy vehicles, boats, trailers, and recreation vehicles on public streets and private property.

Chief Sherven reported that the Village Attorney was still working on a draft amendment so there was nothing for the Public Safety Committee to review at this time.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

The next meeting will be held September 12, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

6 ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Ken Machtan, second by Tom Mooney, to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Pursuant to law, written notice of this meeting was given to the public and posted on the public bulletin boards in accordance with Open Meetings Law.

Respectfully submitted,
Tanya O'Malley
Deputy Clerk