

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND  
**Public Safety Committee Minutes**

*Wednesday, September 8, 2021 - 6:30 PM*

**1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL.**

Chairperson Stephanie Brassington called the regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee to order at 6:30 PM in the community room.

Members present: Sandy Bakk, Stephanie Brassington, Shannon Morrison, Dottie Olson, Rich Staley, Edward Wreh

Members not present: none

Staff Present: Fire Chief Chris Dennis, Police Lieutenant Jeremy Job

**2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.**

There were no public appearances.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

*a. Approve the minutes from the 7.14.21 and 8.11.21 PSC meetings.*

Motion by Village Trustee Stephanie Brassington, second by Member Rich Staley, to approve the minutes from the 7.14.21 and 8.11.21 PSC meetings. Motion carries 6 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

**4. BUSINESS.**

*a. Staff Reports*

*1) Fire and Rescue Department*

Fire Chief Dennis reviewed the monthly report for August and answered the committee's questions regarding a recent fire call and equipment.

*2) Police Department*

Police Lt. Jeremy Job reviewed the police monthly report and answered the committee's questions regarding the increasing seriousness of calls in the village.

*b. Presentation on CivicReady emergency notification software.*

Hope Padilla presented CivicReady notification system and answered questions regarding geomapping, geofencing, and other capabilities of the software.

*c. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Village Board on emergency notification software for the Village.*

The committee discussed the use of emergency notification software. They discussed a past gas leak event near a school and how this software would work in a similar event. Fire Chief Chris Dennis pointed to the need to develop policies and procedures for sending emergency messages. Moving forward, it is important to get software that is easily deployable in the field. The committee is looking to the guidance of Chief Chapin and Chief Dennis for picking the software. The committee decided they would postpone making a decision on the selection of notification software until they have pricing

information.

**5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.**

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee is scheduled for October 13, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

**6. ADJOURNMENT.**

Motion by Member Shannon Morrison, second by Member Sandy Bakk, to adjourn at 7:40 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,  
Tricia Reimer  
Administrative Assistant