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Village of McFarland
Police and Fire Commission Minutes
September 9, 2021

1. Call to Order, Roll Call.

PFC President Stransky, called the regular meeting of the Police and Fire Commission to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Village Community Room.

Members present: John Stransky, Vince Wagner, Jim McKay, Jerry Mullen and Kathy Krusiec.

Staff present: Police Chief Aaron Chapin and Lieutenant Jeremy Job. Attending via Zoom was Fire and Rescue Chief Chris Dennis.

2. Public Appearances.

This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Police and Fire Commission. Please remember this is a virtual meeting conducted through the Zoom online meeting platform. Zoom meeting attendees wishing to address the commission may do so using the Question and Answer feature within the Zoom online meeting platform. You may state your name, address, and provide your comments to the commission for their consideration. Members of the public who are present in person and wish to address the commission should fill out a public comment form and turn it into the meeting chairperson. Members of the public may speak during public appearances or during their selected agenda item as they designate on the public comment form. Please adhere to the 3-minute time limit. Additionally, you may send your public comments to Cassandra.suettinger@mcfarland.wi.us to be included as part of the meeting.

Lisa Becher joined the meeting for the purpose of learning more about the activities of the Commission. The chair continued to address the items on the agenda.

3. Approval of the Minutes.

Discussion and action regarding minutes. Call for changes or corrections. Hearing None. Mullen moved to accept the July 13, 2021 minutes as presented. McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. Police Department Business.

The Chief stated that the Police Department was now fully staffed. Several grants have been received for "Seat Belt Safety" and O.W.I Enforcement. A complete report was provided to each Commissioner.

5. Fire and Rescue Department Business.

Chief Dennis also related that his department is now fully staffed. The final member is finishing orientation. A complete Fire and Rescue monthly report was provided to each Commissioner.

6. General Business.

None of note or requiring action.

7. Other New Business.

Discussion and possible approval of establishing Detective promotional process.

Chief Chapin addressed the Commission in regard to the need for two full time detective positions within the department. These positions would move from an “assigned” status to a promotional position. He stated that establishment of an eligibility list would save time in the hiring process. The internal eligibility list would be valid for a period of two (2) years allowing flexibility in hiring.

Each candidate for the position will submit written materials and provide a written and oral presentation to an outside panel. Two representatives from the Commission will sit in on the presentations. They will be Jim McKay and Jerry Mullen.

Krusiec moved to approve the promotional process as described by Chief Chapin.

Second by Wagner, motion carried.

8. Next Meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

9. Adjournment.

Motion by Mullen, second by Wagner to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy M. Krusiec, PFC Secretary