

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND
Public Safety Committee Minutes

Wednesday, October 13, 2021 - 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL.

Village Trustee Stephanie Brassington called the regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee to order at 6:32 PM in the Community Room.

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

Members not present: Sandy Bakk

Staff Present: Fire Chief Chris Dennis, Police Chief Aaron Chapin

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

There were no public appearances.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

a. Approve the minutes from the 9.8.21 PSC meeting.

Motion by Village Trustee Stephanie Brassington, second by Member Shannon Morrison, to approve the minutes from the 9.8.21 PSC meeting. Motion carries 5 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

4. BUSINESS.

a. Staff Reports

1) Fire and Rescue Department

Fire Chief Dennis presented the Fire Department monthly report.

2) Police Department

Police Chief Chapin presented the police department monthly report.

b. Discussion and participation in a diversity, equity, and inclusion SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) Analysis Framework.

Chairperson Stephanie Brassington introduced Dr. Rainy Briggs and Percy Brown, who have been hired to help the village with the DEI initiatives. Dr. Rainy Briggs and Percy Brown formally introduced themselves to the PSC. They are working with the DEI Committee and are here to support their work on the committee's long term and short term goals.

The members of the PSC introduced themselves and stated their number of years in the community and answered the question of why they are serving on the PSC.

Dr. Briggs presented the six steps to social change: information gathering, education, commitment, discussion/negotiation, direct action, reconciliation, and he also went over definitions of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Led by Dr. Briggs, the committee started an exercise of identifying the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT) the village of McFarland faces in terms

of public safety.

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

Chief Chapin and Chief Dennis gave their opinions on Rave and Civic Ready emergency notification software.

Motion by Village Trustee Edward Wreh, second by Member Shannon Morrison, to recommend to the Village Board the purchase of Rave Emergency Notification software for the Village. Motion carries 5 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for 11/10/21.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Village Trustee Stephanie Brassington, second by Village Trustee Edward Wreh, to adjourn at 8:16 pm.

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