

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND

Public Safety Committee Minutes

Thursday, September 5, 2024 - 6:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL.

Trustee Hilary Brandt called the regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee to order at 6:30 PM in the Community Room

Members present: Hilary Brandt, Miguel Peña, Rick Behnke, Meredith Hughey, Shannon Morrison, Rich Staley was present via phone but did not vote

Members not present: Dottie Olson

Staff Present: Police Chief Chapin, Fire Chief Dennis

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Public Safety Committee for items that are not on the agenda. Please remember this is a hybrid meeting conducted in person and through the Zoom online meeting platform. Meeting attendees wishing to address the Committee about items not on the agenda may do so at this time. Zoom attendees should type their name and address in the Question and Answer feature within the Zoom online meeting platform at this time. Members of the public who are present in person and wish to address the Committee should fill out a public comment form and turn into the meeting chairperson. When you are called upon to speak, state your name, address, and provide your comments to the Committee for their consideration. Please adhere to the 3-minute time limit. Additionally, you may send your public comments to public.safety@mcfarland.wi.us to be included as part of the meeting.

Members of the public may also speak during their selected agenda item as they designate on the public comment form or in the Question and Answer feature on Zoom.

There were no public appearances.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Motion to approve the minutes of the 7/1/2024 meeting.

Motion by Village Trustee Hilary Brandt, second by Village Trustee Miguel Peña, to approve the minutes of the 7/1/2024 meeting. Motion carries 5 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

4. BUSINESS.

Discussion on fireworks and the PD enforcement approach in 2025.

Ken Machtan of 5312 Falling Leaves Lane spoke about the fireworks issue he has observed. Chief Chapin spoke about the change the PD has made regarding fireworks calls. The committee discussed the police response and asked questions. Chief Chapin and Chief Dennis answered the committee's questions.

Discussion on the use of the PD social media accounts.

Trustee Brandt introduced the item and how the topic of police social media posts has come up in discussions with community members. The committee had a discussion regarding the police department's social media practices. Chief Chapin answered

questions and spoke about potential actions that can be taken by the police department regarding training and goals for the department regarding social media.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

a. October 7, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Member Shannon Morrison, second by Miguel Peña, to adjourn at 7:49 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Tricia Reimer
Office Manager