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## Village of Holmen Law Enforcement Committee August 2, 2022

The meeting of the Holmen Law Enforcement Committee was held Tuesday August 2, 2022, in the Village Hall.

Chair Rodney Stanek called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Present at the meeting: Committee members Rodney Stanek, Dawn Kulcinski and Doug Jorstad. Also in attendance were Village President Patrick Barlow, Administrator Scott Heinig, Chief Shane Collins and Lieutenant Cody Spears

**Approval of Minutes** Doug Jorstad and Dawn Kulcinski motioned to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2022 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment** None

**Present Monthly Activity** The Committee reviewed all monthly activity.

**Present Monthly Claims** The Committee reviewed monthly claims.

**Municipal Court Update** Heinig advised a meeting was held and the financials were discussed along with starting the 2023 budget planning process.

**Possible action and recommendation to purchase 12 WatchGuard Cameras** Collins advised the Police Department will be receiving a \$22,000 grant from the state to use on specific items. Collins advised purchasing body cameras is one of the items this grant can be used on. Collins advised the current body cameras warranties had expired in May and was going to have body cameras in the 2023 budget process. Collins advised they have several broken body cameras not working at this time so it would be a good time to purchase these with this grant and saving money in the 2023 budget.

Collins advise the price for 12 body cameras and a transfer station would be a price of \$20,635.00. Collins advised another transfer station is necessary as one station holds 8 body cameras. Collins advised the remainder of the grant would be used to reimburse equipment from the two recent hires.

Jorstad asked about the no GPS on the cameras. Collins advised Watchguard is having a chip shortage and it would be a wait on the GPS models. Collins advised we

have GPS in our vehicles and having no GPS in the cameras did not make a difference. Collins advised before the warranty was up on the old cameras they received a few replacements with no GPS.

Committee motioned to recommend to the board for the approval of purchasing the 12 body cameras and transfer station from Motorola for the price of \$20,635.00.

**Possible action and recommendation to approve new ordinance for through traffic on alleys, driveways, and parking lots prohibited**

Heinig advised this ordinance was created as the committee agreed to create new text to allow officers to be able to enforce drivers driving through businesses to avoid traffic lights and stop signs. Heinig advised this problem has been an issue in the Village and recently WNB asked if something could be done about the issue of drivers cutting through their property to avoid the lights. Heinig recommended to move this new ordinance forward pending outcome of the public hearing. Committee unanimously motioned to moved the new ordinance forward pending outcome of the public hearing at the board meeting.

**Discussion of Fireworks Ordinance Violations and Penalties**

Due to the recent complaints from Village residents to the Village Administrator and the Chief of Police, village residents asked if there was anything that could be done to curb all of the fireworks. Dawn advised she is split on this topic and gets both sides. Dawn stated people are out celebrating but also knows it doesn't help the animals and vets. Heinig advised fireworks are hitting houses and cars while leaving debris in yards and on buildings. Some people are disrespecting other people's properties and damaging the properties. Heinig advised residents asked is there anything the Village can do because this isn't acceptable. Heinig advised the City of La Crosse recently changed their fine to \$500 and brought this to the committee to see if we can curb the impact the fireworks have on the Village.

Doug advised the fireworks for the kids don't bother him but what does are the fireworks for the adults like the m80 type throughout the night. Heinig advised these types of fireworks are Riverfest style of fireworks going off. All members agreed that these types of fireworks are too big and are for more adult enjoyment.

Heinig asked committee if they would like him to bring back text amended with the changing of the fines for fireworks. All members agreed they would like fine amended to \$500.00 and bring back to ratify the fine.

**Discussion of the 2023 Budget**

Collins advised the budget was staying about the same as last year and was moving money from one line item to another. Collins advised there were two new items in the line item that would be new. One item was a water bottle filler installation for \$2100 and the other would be a K9 bite suit for training for \$2000. Collins advised the current bite suit has a hole in the arm and needs to be replaced. Jorstad asked about the water bottle filler and if we currently had a location for this. Collins advised in the lobby we have the water fountains and they new filler would be added to the existing.

Jorstad asked about the Cellebrite system. Collins advised the Cellebrite system was

the phone examination device the state has given us a grant for the past four to five years and cost \$4300 each year to license. The initial cost of the system was \$10,000.00 and had two officers trained in they use which cost about \$5000 each officer. Collins advised the state covered this cost and the renewal of the license. Collins advised he doesn't know if the state would cover the cost in 2023 so he needs to plan the budget with this item not being covered under a grant.

Jorstad asked about the training budget if the referendum was approved in November. Heinig advised committee to look at the last page of the packet detailing what it would cost for four new officers. Heinig advised part of money would be added to the referendum to cover the cost.

Collins also advised the committee there was two Chevrolet Tahoe's budgeted and to outfit one of our officers who is on the ERT team with sniper gear and equipment.

**Adjourn** Doug Jorstad and Dawn Kulcinski motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. Meeting ended at 6:57pm.

Minutes By Shane Collins, Chief of Police

