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Village of Holmen Law Enforcement Committee March 7, 2023

The meeting of the Holmen Law Enforcement Committee was held Tuesday March 7, 2023, in the Village Hall.

Chair Rodney Stanek called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

Present at the meeting: Committee members Rodney Stanek, Dawn Kulcinski and Doug Jorstad. Also in attendance were President Patrick Barlow, Administrator Scott Heinig and Chief Shane Collins. Public present at the meeting are Barb Johnson, Paul Sobkowiak, Jane Brockway, Lindsay Kolasa, and Jennifer Woyicki.

Approval of Minutes: Dawn Kulcinski and Doug Jorstad motioned to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2022 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: Paul Sobkowiak advised he lives in the Town of Holland and was here to speak on the ATV ordinance. Paul advised he would be in favor if this ordinance was created for Holmen. Paul stated since the ATV was opened up in the Town of Holland he has seen a few ATV's and people are acting responsible on them. Paul advised the ATV's would be good for local businesses in the area

Present Monthly Activity: The Committee reviewed all monthly activity.

Present Monthly Claims: The Committee reviewed monthly claims.

Municipal Court Update: No meeting

Discussion on ATV/UTV Ordinance Heinig advised this discussion was talked about in the past and was not found to be in favor in the past from stigma of ATV's running the town. Heinig advised in the last five years we have seen acceptance throughout the Midwest and locally in La Crosse County, Town of Holland, Trempealeau County and in other cities.

Heinig stated this topic is for committee discussion for the possibility to creating an ordinance which could then go to the board through public review and public hearing and potentially adoption of this ordinance.

Heinig advised he has researched several ordinances and mentioned we can create any ordinance we chose but at a minimum it is imperative we include the following:

limiting age being sixteen with valid driver's license, potentially limiting the routes and no access to our trails, potentially limiting the hours of operation, and how to make the ATV's street legal. Heinig stated the Town of Holland ordinance as an example was well written but ours should be stricter.

The committee discussed the pro's and con's of creating this ordinance. Committee members agreed this is a growing trend and would like to discuss this at the next meeting. Committee members asked to see copies of several other cities ordinances. Committee members also talked about if this ordinance was created they would like to see it have some teeth in it for law enforcement action if they need to act on violations

Collins advised he talked to all of his officers and all of them advised they would not like to see this ordinance due to the extreme difficulties in enforcement. Heinig advised Holmen has a population of 12,500 and in the next decade will be 14,000 residents. Heinig advised he believes ninety percent of the population would not support this ordinance, although both he and Collins have researched other municipalities and they have no problems with their ATV ordinance

Committee directed staff to bring sample ordinances from other municipalities to further discuss the creation of an ATV ordinance

Discussion on Squad Cameras Collins advised he obtained two Watchguard cameras from Bangor Police Department. Collins stated he had to buy the wire kits for these cameras since they did not come with them. Collins advised by getting these two cameras from Bangor it would give us about two years to make a decision on what cameras to go with in the future. Collins advised he will continue to look for grants and price out cameras the next couple of years and have time to make a decision instead of make a quick decision at this time.

Adjourn Doug Jorstad and Dawn Kulcinski motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. Meeting ended at 6:52pm.

Minutes By Shane Collins, Chief of Police

