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Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes Monday, July 13th, 2026, 4:30pm Village Board Room, Village Hall, 30 South First Street

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 3:30pm. Present: Chairman Miller, Trustee Olson, Chief Sauriol.
Trustee Stelzner absent

Consideration and action to approve June 8th, 2026, PSC minutes:

Trustee Olson motioned to approve the minutes. Chairman Miller seconded it. Trustee Stelzner abstained. Motion carried, minutes approved.

Public Participation:

None

Communications:

Chief Sauriol stated the new mooring ordinance is working as intended. The problem boats have left and the docks on N 1st St are open for other boaters to use.

Old Business

Discuss e-bike ordinance and enforcement:

Chief Sauriol discussed the e-bike ordinance as there have been some complaints about them recently. Chief Sauriol stated pedal assist e-bikes are legal because they can operate as regular bikes are not rated for fast speeds. Chief Sauriol stated the e-bikes that are not pedal assist are illegal and some can go up to 50mph. Chief Sauriol stated that the enforcement occurs when an officer sees a violation then the officer will stop the child and educated. Chief Sauriol stated education is the first step in the enforcement protocol. Chief Sauriol stated the officers are keeping a closer eye on the downtown area because per ordinance, bike riding, as well as scooters and skateboards are not allowed on the sidewalks there.

New Business

Discuss Staffing:

Chief Sauriol informed the committee that recently within the last week and a half, a part-time officer was hired full-time at another agency and is gone. Chief Sauriol stated he was never given proper notice this was happening. Another part-time officer is out on medical leave for up to 4 months and another part-time officer was also hired full-time by another agency and will be starting there on August 3rd tentatively. Chief Sauriol also stated a current full-time officer may be leaving for another department for more opportunities. Chief Sauriol stated a new part-time officer was hired but training will take up most of July into August and that officer's availability



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imited because that officer is working a full-time job. Chief Sauriol stated the remaining part-time officers have full-time jobs and are limited in how often they can work to fill open shifts. Chief Sauriol also noted the SRO will be back in the schools and off of patrol in September when school starts.

Chief Sauriol stated he has an on-going recruitment ad in WILENT for part-time and has not received an application since the ad was posted a week ago. Chief Sauriol stated recruitment and applications are at low levels compared to just 10 years ago.

Chief Sauriol told the committee that there will be open shifts at some point soon and he wanted to give the committee the information early, so they are aware of what is happening for their situational awareness. Chief Sauriol stated to maintain 24/7 he will be ordering full-time officers to work extra shifts and there is a possibility time off will be denied. Chief Sauriol told the committee that it's up to the board on what direction they want this to go as he is just giving the facts of the situation.

Trustee Olson asked if another full-time officer would help. Chief Sauriol stated having a new full-time officer would reduce the pressure of filling shifts with part-time officers, but it doesn't take away the need for part-time officers, but it would make filling the shifts more manageable.

Chairman Miller stated he doesn't want to go away with 24/7 policing and said something needs to be figured out. Chief Sauriol told the committee that the treasure and administrator will have the cost of how much a new officer will cost and he doesn't know what that will do to the overall village budget. Chief Sauriol stated the board, and admin would have to determine the costs depending on the direction that is decided. There were discussions about a possible public safety referendum to pay for one or two new officers. Trustee Olson stated if there was a referendum, he would recommend going for two new officers right away. Chief Sauriol stated that is a decision for the board and he is simply telling them what he needs to maintain 24/7 if that is what the Board wants.

Financial Outlook: Chief Sauriol stated as of June 30th, 2026, the overall police department spending according to the data from Work Horse is at 48%.

Operations: Chief Sauriol stated the new squad is done and stated Taft 360 did the outfitting. Chief Sauriol stated Taft 360 did a great job and only took a week. Chief Sauriol stated the officers are happy with it and the truck is in service. The old truck was stripped and is ready to be sold.

Personnel: Chief Sauriol discussed the staffing issues that are occurring.

Directives and Initiatives: Chief Sauriol directed the officers to be more attentive looking for e-bike violations, especially in the downtown area.

Confirm next meeting date:
August 10, 2026, 3:30pm.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Trustee Olson. Seconded by Chairman Miller. All ayes, meeting adjourned.