

AGENDA

Minutes of the Public Safety Committee of the Village of Willowbrook that was held on November 10th, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, 7760 Quincy Street, in the Village of Willowbrook, DuPage County, Illinois.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Those present at roll call were Chief Mark Shelton, Deputy Chief Mark Altobella, Trustee Terrence Kelly and Trustee Gayle Neal.

1. Reviewed the September 8th, 2014 Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes.
The Committee approved the September 8th, 2014 Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes.
2. Reviewed the Weekly Press Releases – Information.
3. Reviewed the Overtime Report for 08/18/2014 – 09/14/2014 & 09/15/2014-10/12/2014- Information.
4. Reviewed the Monthly Expenditure Report for September & October 2014 – Information.
5. Reviewed the Monthly Offense Summary Report for September & October 2014 - Information.
6. Reviewed the Letter(s) of Recognition and Appreciation – Information.
 - Officer John Handzik
 - Officer John Skiba
 - Officer Darren Biggs
 - Officer Nick Volek
 - Secretary Bernadette Goers
 - Officer David Gaddis
 - Officer Jose Chavez-Jimenez
 - Secretary Lori Rinella
 - Secretary Laurie Schmitz
7. DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - Canine
The Chief advised the Committee that the current canine unit was launched in June 2006. The current canine “Icha” will be nine (9) years old. The department would like to determine the Committee’s interest in continuing the program and purchasing a new canine (German Shepherd) with the new

2015/16 budget. The Chief advised the current canine was initially introduced with the premise that there would be asset forfeiture benefits. The Chief advised this is completely dependent on the proactive approach of the officer and that asset forfeiture is a complete bonus to the canine unit. The canine should be viewed as a patrol asset and officer assisted unit. The canine is a very good public relations tool, narcotics asset and great officer safety tool. The Chief expressed to the Committee that the costs involved for a new canine would be about \$12,500 for the canine and the training. In addition, there are contractual issues, continued training and overtime, especially when assistance is requested by other agencies. The department has a new canine vehicle. The initial costs would be paid with federal forfeiture funds. Currently, \$3,000 is budgeted annually for canine expenses. The canine is a good tool for deescalating potential altercations. The Chief advised the Committee that the canine is great tool but it is not intended for the purpose of seizing asset forfeiture, but its primary duty is for patrol assistance and crime deterrent. The canine would be specialty trained in narcotics detection.

- **“No Parking” Signs**
The Committee was advised that “No Parking” signs should be considered along the west side of Midway Drive along the driveway areas of 7580 Quincy Street. In the future, this building will be used as a swimming training facility. The no parking signs will be to prohibit and enforce that patrons do not park in front of the building. The Chief showed the Committee photos of the location and the surrounding area. There is a sufficient amount of parking spaces in the parking lot, so placing signs for no parking should not put a burden on attendees of the swim training facility.
- **New Squads**
The Chief advised the Committee that one new squad has been fully equipped and is being used in the fleet. The second vehicle is currently being outfitted at Public Safety Direct.
- **Update – New Officers**
The Chief advised the Committee that both new officers are currently completing the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy. Reports from the academy were favorable and both recruits are doing well.

8. VISITOR’S BUSINESS*
None

9. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 6:29p.m.

* VISITOR'S BUSINESS (Public comment is limited to three minutes per person on agenda items only).

Next meeting scheduled December 8th, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.