

Village of Rossville
Police, Health & Safety Committee Meeting
March 13, 2024
5:00 p.m.

A quorum was established as Chairman Black and Trustees Richison and Cornell were physically present at the committee meeting held at the Rossville Municipal Building, located at 120 East Attica Street in Rossville, Illinois. Trustee Gammon was electronically present. Guests present were Mayor Queen, Clerk White and Chief Greene.

Chairman Black called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to review/approve past minutes, outstanding ordinance violations, February review of Police actions, Flock Camera repair update, car camera install update, trash can ordinance enforcement, grant status, Evidence locker-storage containers and new policies and procedures.

Motion was made by Richison, seconded by Cornell to dispense with the reading of the committee minutes dated February 19, 2024, and approve them as presented. Vote: Cornell, yes; Richison, yes; Black, yes.

Outstanding ordinance violations and Police Actions: Chief Greene reported that all officers that attended the Sexual Assault Investigators class are now certified sexual assault investigators. Officers attending the BAO (Breath Alcohol Operator) class are now state licensed and certified to operate BAO machines. Officer McMilleon had a successful stop stick from a fleeing car that Vermilion County Sheriffs requested Rossville Police Department to assist. The stop resulted in 3 arrests and guns and drugs were located.

Old Business:

Flock Camera repair update – Chief Greene reported the FLOCK cameras are fully operational. Chief Greene expects the FLOCK cameras to work better now that there are more daylight hours and the batteries appear to get more charge.

Car Cameras – Chief Greene reported the car cameras have been installed, are running and officers are using them. We are waiting on the grants to open up to apply for funds.

Trash Can Enforcement – Trustee Black asked Chief Greene if the police department has contacted anyone about leaving their trash cans at the curb all week long because he hasn't noticed any change in his area. Chief Greene will have the officers check trash can removal on Saturdays. The trash can ordinance will be put on the back of the utility bills.

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Evidence Locker – Chief Greene continues to search for storage containers that will not change the evidence-most she found are too small and vacuum sealed containers can alter evidence. Trustee Richison suggested ammo cans. Chief Greene reported the State’s Attorney has to approve any evidence to be destroyed. Chief Greene would like to dispose of evidence that is not required any more. Danville Police Department has an incinerator for drug disposal.

New Business:

Policies and Procedures - Chief Greene suggested updating the Police policies and procedures manual by adding several new items such as sexual harassment, PNTs, etc. Mayor Queen reminded Chief Greene that the new items need to be approved by the Board. Trustee Black requested Chief Greene to highlight the proposed amendments on the computer then email a copy to Clerk White. Clerk White will attach the amendment to the agenda for discussion at Monday’s board meeting.

SRO – Chief Greene would like to enroll Officers McMilleon and Finley into an SRO class that will be offered in Plainfield, Illinois the week of April 22-26, 2024. The class is free, but the officers would need hotel rooms reserved for 4 nights so they can attend class each day. The class is required so the Rossville Police Department is compliant with State SRO requirements. A request for waiver will be submitted since neither officer has the required 3 years of service but each officer has military experience that counts toward training. A motion was made by Black, seconded by Richison to approve sending Officers Finley and McMilleon to SRO class in Plainfield, Illinois on April 22-26, 2024. Vote: Cornell, yes; Richison, yes; Black, yes.

Chief Greene would like to promote Officer McMilleon to Sergeant. Trustee Black suggested Chief Greene get a job description written up for a sergeant then Chief Greene can provide a write-up explaining why she would like to see Officer McMilleon promoted to Sergeant. Trustee Black suggested aligning the promotion, if approved, to the beginning of the new fiscal year. Trustee Black would like to approve the item in committee and take recommendations to the full Board for approval.

Trustee Gammon asked what can be done about the weekend solicitors? Solicitors come to town on the weekends when the village office is closed and they can’t obtain/purchase a solicitor’s license. If they can’t purchase a solicitor’s license on the weekend, Trustee Gammon suggested placing signs at the ends of town stating NO SOLICITING ON WEEKENDS. Trustee Gammon suggested placing the topic on Monday’s regular board meeting agenda for discussion.

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Motion was made by Black, seconded by Black to adjourn the meeting. Vote:
Richison, yes; Cornell, yes; Black, yes. The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris White, Village Clerk

Committee approved 4-10-24