

Village of Rossville
Police, Health & Safety Committee Meeting
May 15, 2024
5:00 p.m.

A quorum was established as Chairman Black and Trustees Richison, Gammon and Cornell were physically present at the committee meeting held at the Rossville Municipal Building, located at 120 East Attica Street in Rossville, Illinois. 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, April review of Police actions, Police grant status, evident locker-Storage container working, trash can ordinance enforcement, radar sign (Verizon to ATT), Attica/Chicago St. crosswalk, Walk sign positioning, green light delay and lengthen the duration of the walk signs, monthly ordinance spreadsheet and revised May police schedule.

Motion was made by Gammon, seconded by Richison to dispense with the reading of the committee minutes dated April 10, 2024, and approve them as presented. Vote: Cornell, yes; Richison, yes; Gammon, yes; Cornell, yes; Black, yes.

Old Business – Police Grant Status – Trustee Gammon checked on the grants. Awarding grants may not be announced until late June since there were lots of applications received.

Radarsigns – Trustee Gammon spoke with Radarsigns about the signs by the school. A part would have to be removed from 1 sign to see if the sign can be fixed since it can't be hooked up to Verizon. Trustee Gammon is leaving it up to the school to program the sign.

Attica Street Crosswalks – Trustee Richison stated nothing will be done about the crosswalks until the bridge work north of town is completed. The State will have the crosswalks on Chicago Street painted but the Village will have to do the crosswalks on East and West Attica Streets. Trustee Gammon is waiting to receive a bid from Ribbe for Gilbert Street to see how much money remains for the crosswalk to be done.

Trustee Black asked if the timing could be adjusted on the crosswalk to allow more time for pedestrians to cross the street. Trustee Richison could contact the State and ask. Trustee Black will ask Superintendent Lusk if the Village can reset the timing.

Monthly Ordinance Spreadsheet – Trustee Gammon prepared a spreadsheet for ordinance violations which included ordinance violation report date, officer, ordinance violated explanation, outcome, officer follow up and follow up date. The spreadsheet was given to Chief Greene to use for her report.

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Trustee Black asked if a revised police schedule would be made since Officer Soderstrom has resigned. Chief Greene stated the schedule would remain the same but without Officer Soderstrom covering mostly day shifts.

Chief Greene asked committee members if she could offer officers overtime for uncovered hours. It was asked if a replacement will be sought for Officer Soderstrom. Chief Greene had spoken with Superintendent Crystal Maden regarding retaining the SRO schedule as set for the new school years. Students relate well with Officers Finley and McMilleon in the school setting, the overtime supplements officers' income and the school likes both SRO officers.

Trustee Black questioned if the Intergovernmental Agreement between the school district and Village will be amended to cover both officers? The matter will be discussed.

Outstanding ordinance violations and Police Actions: Chief Greene reported the stats for the month and noticed the calls for service numbers have increased.

Evidence Locker-Storage Container Working – Chief Greene stated again that Trustee Richison had donated containers which are working well.

Trash Can Enforcement – An ordinance amendment was passed at the last board meeting to require trash cans to be removed from the curb no later than 6 p.m. the evening of a scheduled pickup. Trustee Black stated some residents on Stewart Avenue are violating the ordinance. Chief Greene will contact the residents in question.

Chief Greene asked committee members to consider the promotion of Officer McMilleon to Sergeant as requested at a prior meeting.

Motion was made by Richison, seconded by Gammon to adjourn the meeting. Vote: Richison, yes; Gammon, yes; Black, no; Cornell, yes. The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris White, Village Clerk

Committee approved 6-12-24