

VILLAGE OF HODGKINS
POLICE COMMITTEE MEETING

May 13, 2019

Meeting called to order: 6:00 pm

Those present: Larry Rice, Chairman
 Dominic Misasi, Member
 Paul Struve, Member
 Tim Kovel, Member

Also Present: Noel Cummings, President
 Stephanie Gardner, Clerk
 John O'Connell, Attorney
 Melody Salerno, Comptroller
 Vicky Moxley, Trustee
 Lida Mills, Trustee
 Ernest Millsap, Chief of Police

Pledge of Allegiance

Tonight's Discussion will be regarding the following:

- 1.) Camera Maintenance
- 2.) Point Blank
- 3.) Closed session to discuss Police Personnel

Mr. Rice asked Jim McNamara-Store Manager for Shoot Point Blank and Sgt. Todd Miller to step to the podium for discussion regarding Shoot Point Blank. Sgt. Miller explained they are seeking security gates for the parking lot entrances and a roll gate for the building entrance. This location has had two attempted burglaries, adding this security will help deter any future burglary attempts.

Mr. McNamara said they are looking at adding gates at the 2 parking lot entrances and also adding a roll cage on the outside of the front doors of the building. There is already an internal roll door. Mr. Kovel asked about cost sharing and Mr. Struve agreed. The total cost is approximately \$14,000.00. Mr. Kovel would like this to be one of the safest gun ranges in the State of Illinois. Sgt. Miller explained this is something the Police Department initiated; the company did not come to us. Mr. Struve said this is a safety concern for our Police also. Chief Millsap explained with the business incentive that was started this is a strong step in letting our entire area know we have the safest gun range in the area, and the safety of our officers are paramount.

Sgt. Miller explained some previous encounters. This is an officer safety issue. This is why the Police Department is coming to the Village asking for these extra safety precautions. There would be a Knox box added by the gates so that Fire Department/Police Department can get in the parking lot if needed. Sgt. Miller explained Shoot Point Blank has added more safety signs letting people know that they are being recorded.

Mrs. Mills asked Mr. McNamara some questions regarding the store. Mr. McNamara explained that there are four (4) Shoot Point Blank locations in Illinois and 18 nationwide. He explained that most of the stores are safe. This store has been targeted two times as explained above. Mr. McNamara explained the Hodgkins location is a very busy store. It is the number one store in the company and the number one gun sale retailer in the State of Illinois.

Mrs. Moxley explained that due to safety issues, she is in favor of paying the entire \$14,000.00. Mr. Kovel made a recommendation to the Board for the Village of Hodgkins pay for the updated safety features for Shoot Point Blank, with the thought that we are helping protect our Police Force, and keeping the Gun Range one of the safest around. Second by Mr. Rice. Recommended also by committee members Mr. Struve, Mr. Misasi, and trustees Mrs. Moxley and Mrs. Mills. This item will be voted on in the regular Board meeting.

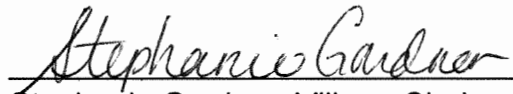
Mr. Rice explained the next item on the agenda which is camera maintenance. We do not currently have a plan in place to maintain our cameras. Chief Millsap explained maintenance can be expensive, so this plan would help keep the cameras running. The plan would cost \$4,000.00 to start and then be \$2,000 per month for the rest of the year. This will be reevaluated after 6 months by Lt. Cepelcha to see if the work is satisfactory or if the plan needs to be adjusted. Mrs. Salerno asked for a maintenance agreement to show what would be covered in the agreement. Jessie Visocnik of Visocnik Contracting Company is the one who has been providing all our cameras and will do the maintenance. Mr. Kovel asked how much we have spent by not having a plan in place. Chief Millsap explained at this time we have not been charged so this agreement is supposed to cover any call outs or maintenance. Chief Millsap feels this should have been done in the beginning. We have a lot of money that we have spent on these cameras and we want to keep them running properly. Chief Millsap asked to have a consensus from the Board to approve the proposal from Jessie Visocnik for the maintenance agreement with the option that we can change after 6 months if we are not happy. This will be on the agenda at the Board Meeting. Mr. Kovel asked for a consensus on this recommendation. A motion for the recommendation was made by Mr. Rice. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting Aye: Committee Members Rice, Struve, Misasi and Kovel and Trustees Moxley and Mills. Voting Nay: None. This item will be voted on in the Regular Board Meeting.

Clerk Gardner asked for a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel matters and allow Chief Millsap to be present for the closed session. A motion to go into closed session was made by Mr. Misasi. Second by Mr. Struve. Voting aye: Mr. Rice, Mr. Misasi, Mr. Struve, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None.

Clerk Gardner asked for a motion to resume open session. A motion to resume open session was made by Mr. Rice. Second by Mr. Struve. Voting aye: Mr. Rice, Mr. Misasi, Mr. Struve, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None.

A motion to adjourn the Police Committee meeting was made by Mr. Struve. Second by Mr. Misasi. Voting aye: Mr. Rice, Mr. Misasi, Mr. Struve, Mr. Kovel, Mrs. Moxley, and Mrs. Mills. Voting Nay: None.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:47 p.m.



Stephanie Gardner, Village Clerk