

**VILLAGE OF HODGKINS**  
**POLICE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**May 9, 2016**

Meeting called to order: 6:00 pm

Those present:       Larry Rice, Chairman  
                          Don Cuttill. Member  
                          Phil Kringlie, Member  
                          Dominic Misasi, Member  
                          Paul Struve, Member

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

Tonight's meeting there will be discussion regarding the temporary dispatching with the Village of Justice, the Lenzi Avenue camera project, and installation of an ADA compliant bathroom in the Police Department.

Mr. Rice asked about discussion on the Lenzi Avenue Camera project. Chief Millsap asked what everyone's opinions are on the camera project for Lenzi Ave or if the camera's should be moved to another location in the Village. The cost would be approximately \$30,000 for the other areas in the Village that have been discussed previously. Chief Millsap let everyone know there is a 3 year warranty on the cameras, so they can be moved to another location. The camera project for Lenzi Avenue will be tabled until further time. Chief Millsap said that he is going to call Jessie, from the camera place to discuss 63<sup>rd</sup> and East Ave estimate and 67<sup>th</sup> and LaGrange Road estimates. There is a line of sight issue at 67<sup>th</sup> and LaGrange Road due to the forest preserve. This area will be a little more costly to do, but Chief Millsap feels it is still a good place to put cameras.

Mr. Rice asked to discuss the installation of an ADA compliant bathroom in a public area of the Police Department. Chief Millsap discussed he had Mr. Cainkar at the station to look things over, and also had an architect come in also. They found an area

that is currently an interview room, but this area would be the least expensive area to build it at. This would cost approximately \$30,000. Chief Millsap stated there was \$100,000 added to the budget this year for building improvements. Originally this money was to be used for move the computer server room, but that is not needed now and they are just going to add on to the area by using a small area of a locker room that is being unused. This is a single use bathroom, and will be large enough for wheelchair accessibility, or ADA accessible. There was discussion on the need for the bathroom. At this current time if someone is waiting outside and needs to use the washroom they have to be brought in through the admin offices or squad room. This could be a safety issue, or privacy issue if there is an arrest going on. Chief Millsap asked if the Trustees could think about this. He is having an architect looking into things, to see if it can be done. He will bring this back before the board at a future time.

The final topic of discussion is regarding the temporary dispatching with the Village of Justice. Chief Millsap let everyone know there have been on going issues with Oak Lawn. Willow Springs is moving to Justice, once approved, and at this time we are going to try and move to Justice until everything is ready to go in Oak Lawn. The Chief of Justice Police Department has contacted his board about the issues we are having with 911 lines. The Village of Justice has not problems taking out calls and they are currently taking our 3-11pm shift calls. The Village of Justice would like Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Cainkar to put together an IGA they can have before there May 18, 2016 Board Meeting.

Mr. O'Connell stated at this time Oak Lawn has not applied for Illinois State Police 911 Dispatching center. Oak Lawn has had problems with one other member signing the agreement. Mr. O'Connell stated this is to be resolved in the next 3 weeks, but this is a different issue. The reason they are not certified yet is because the Village of Bridgeview had not accepted the agreement. We still need permission from Willow Springs ETSB to break off and they are refusing to do this for us. Mr. O'Connell states the plan is to go to Justice and have an intergovernmental agreement. Part of that agreement will provide an opt of provision when we are ready to go to Oak Lawn. Once we are shifted over to Justice then Willow Springs will be out of the picture. We are not going to Justice as part of Willow Springs, we are going as our own entity. That is why we are going to Justice as part of our opt out. There is not a provision to break away from Willow Springs without their approval. If we go to Justice then Justice will have to give us opt out approval not Willow Springs, because they are going to Justice also. Willow springs will no longer have jurisdiction over Hodgkins. The jurisdiction for us is from the ETSB for Justice. So eventually the plans are to end up in Oak Lawn. Chief Millsap reiterated that the reason for all this hold up with the state is that one town did not sign there intergovernmental agreement. That is why the state has not received


anything on the Village of Hodgkins moving to Oak Lawn. Oak Lawn is approved by the state to have a dispatch center, but there is no intergovernmental because Bridgeview has not signed the agreement that is why this has not gone through yet. There have been meeting with other jurisdictions, everyone wanted to consolidate, but no one wanted to give up there dispatch centers.

The importance for Hodgkins Police Department is temporarily be reassigned to Justice. We need to have the 4476 lines there and the 911 lines for 3-11pm shift go. As soon as Willow Springs signs the IGA sins 100% of the lines will go to Justice. Everything will be going to Justice. Justice is already doing our detention center. Mr. Kringlie feels for the officer's safety and public safety the dispatch needs to be secured quickly.

Mr. O'Connell explains that going to Justice will solve two problems, one in the interim period of time before we can go to Oak Lawn, Justice is very adequate to handle all of our needs as this time. Second in order to get the opt out provision, to go to Oak Lawn, then Justice is the only one willing to provide this option at this time. We would have a safe harbor for our 911 system at this time and will get permission from Justice to go to Oak Lawn. Chief Millsap has discussed this with the Chief of Justice. The Chief of Justice would like Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Cainkar to put together an IGA for Justice's Board meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup>. At this time Justice does not meet the population criteria to stay with them permanently for the 911. Oak Lawn met the consolidation needs for the 911 needs, and is much more advanced technologically and they have Sun Guard which we will be using. Justice is a good alternative for now, until we are ready to move to Oak Lawn. Willow Springs want out of dispatching, and that is why they are moving to Justice.

Mr. O'Connell asked for a consensus to give the authority to the 911 committee to approve the IGA with the Village of Justice. In Consensus, Mr. Rice, Mr. Cuttill, Mr. Kringlie, Mr. Misasi, Mr. Struve. Mrs. Moxley.

Consensus to Adjourn the meeting at 6:35pm

  
Stephanie Gardner  
Stephanie Gardner, Village Clerk