

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

May 31, 2016

The Public Safety Committee of the Village of Mt. Horeb met on the above date at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Municipal Building, 138 E. Main Street, Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin. Chair Mark Rooney called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. All members were present with the exception of Steve Grindle. Also present were Police Chief Jeff Veloff, Village Clerk Alyssa Gross, and Wastewater Supervisor John Klein.

MINUTES:

Scott moved, McNall seconded, to approve the minutes from November 30, 2015. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

CONSIDER REDUCING THE SPEED LIMIT FROM 55MPH TO 45MPH ON THE VILLAGE OWNED PORTION OF SAND ROCK RD.:

John Klein expressed concerns related to lowering the speed limit on Sand Rock Rd. in the area of the wastewater treatment facility. There will be construction this summer and the 55mph speed limit could create a hazard. Klein stated that he contacted the Dane County Highway Department and was advised that the Village of Mount Horeb has the ability to lower the speed limit in that area. Veloff said he supported the speed limit change.

Scott moved, McNall seconded, to approve lowering the speed limit on Sand Rock Rd. in the Village of Mount Horeb owned area to 45mph. Motion carried.

DISCUSS ALCOHOL SERVER LICENSE PROCESS:

Scott expressed concerns that some applicants for alcohol servers licenses had prior arrests and convictions that may not be acceptable to grant them a servers license. A discussion included that portions of state statutes related to the approval of these licenses are vague and others are clear. Gross advised that she had been in contact with other village clerks and obtained some information on what they use as criteria to approve or deny applicants. Rooney suggested that Gross continue to look into what other communities have done to clarify a protocol for applicants to be approved or denied for a license.

Veloff advised the committee about specific circumstances related to the operators licenses declined at the May 4th Village Board meeting. He reiterated that some statutory abilities to deny operators licenses are subject to interpretation and are vague.

Veloff advised that in the future he will automatically deny any operators license applications from persons with; an unpardoned felony conviction, a conviction for manufacturing or delivering a controlled substance, or a pending charge for either of these. Misdemeanors substantially related to the licensed activity will include a summary to the village board for consideration when deciding to grant or deny a license. In addition Veloff will verify, to the best of his ability, that information on operators license applications related to pending charges and convictions of

applicants are complete so that the village board is able to make an informed decision to approve or deny the application.

Holum moved, McNall seconded to have Gross further research what criteria other municipalities use in approving and denying alcohol servers license applications. This item to be discussed at a future meeting of the committee. Motion carried.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT:

Veloff also briefed the committee on recent events occurring in the village.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND AGENDA:

The next public safety committee meeting was set for TBD at 5:30pm.

ADJOURN:

Scott moved, Holum seconded, to adjourn at 6:35pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Jeff J. Veloff, Chief of Police