

Village of Fall Creek
Minutes of Public Safety Committee Meeting
April 21, 2020

1. **Call to Order:** 4:30 p.m., virtual meeting at Zoom.us & physical meeting at Village Hall Meeting Room, 122 E. Lincoln Ave., Fall Creek.
2. **Roll Call:** Members Present: Committee Chairperson Bob Jenkins, Trustees Matt Mattoon, Karen Strasburg. Members Absent: None. Staff Present: Police Chief Chad Dachel. Also Present: 1 citizen.
3. **Certify Open Meeting Law Requirements Have Been Met:** A notice of the meeting and an agenda (including instructions if wishing to attend the virtual meeting) was posted in the three public places and local newspapers were notified.
4. **Adopt Agenda:**
 - MOTION (Mattoon/Strasburg) to adopt the agenda as printed. PASSED, without negative vote.
5. **Discuss Police Department Staffing:** Police Chief Chad Dachel reported Officer Tyler Geske has accepted a conditional offer for employment elsewhere, still finishing the hiring process regarding background checks and psychological eval. Dachel stated he posted the job opening on Wilenet and has received several applications so far. Dachel questioned how the Committee would like to proceed and where they saw the department going, as far as staffing.

Public Safety Committee Chairperson Bob Jenkins stated he felt there was a need to continue with having a full-time officer in addition to the Chief for sure, so as to have a backup if necessary. Trustee Matt Mattoon questioned if current part-time officers have shown interest in the full-time position. Dachel stated there is some interest.

Discussion took place on scheduling and what hours are most important for coverage. Dachel stated the number of hours currently scheduled is the minimum coverage he felt the Village should have. He stated his biggest concern was to make sure someone is available during school hours, as that is the priority.

Dachel requested if Officer Geske submits his resignation, that the Village accept it immediately. He felt he could cover the majority of the hours with the current part-timers.

Chairperson Jenkins asked the Chief to give an overview of the hiring process. Dachel responded that after the initial interview, they bring the candidate in and have them ride along for a couple hours. This has been beneficial because sometimes the candidate has indicated it is not what they are looking for. Dachel stated some officers want to see more action than what Fall Creek has to offer.

- MOTION (Mattoon/Strasburg) to accept Officer Geske's resignation upon receiving it, effective immediately. PASSED, without negative vote.

6. **Adjourn:**
 - MOTION (Mattoon/Strasburg) @ 4:57 p.m. PASSED, without negative vote.

Bob Jenkins, Recording Secretary