

**Public Safety Committee**  
*Regular Meeting Notice and Agenda*

**Village of Cross Plains**  
2417 Brewery Road  
Cross Plains, WI 53528  
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Tuesday, March 3, 2020  
7:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance:

Lori Zander called the regular Public Safety Committee Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Mrs. Zander gave direction on meeting purpose and function.

Present: Lori Zander, Randy Swingen, Doug Brunner, Terry Walker, Kevin Engeliem, and Chief Tony Ruesga

Not Present: N/A

Others Present: Meeting Attendance Signup Sheet is attached to minutes.

II. Public Comment: Pam Born spoke about a new safety issue on Church St. at Thinnes St. due to the removal of the right turn no stop sign being removed. Ms. Born suggested red flags be placed temporarily on the stop sign to alert people as they approach the intersection.

III. Approval of Minutes from February 4, 2020 PSC Meeting: Motion by Brunner, second by Swingen, to approve minutes. Unanimously carried.

IV. Chief of Police Report:

Chief Tony Ruesga informed the committee he continues to familiarize himself with the community, businesses, and organizations. He has begun updating policies and the field training manual for the department. Chief Ruesga gave an update of a partnership with the University of Wisconsin to study speed data on Bourbon Rd., Thinnes Street, and Gil's Way. Chief Ruesga informed the committee of his recent appointment to the 4<sup>th</sup> Class Cities, Towns, and Villages Committee by the Wisconsin Chief of Police Association. Chief Ruesga informed the committee of his efforts to work closely with the Cross Plains Fire Department and Cross Plains Area EMS.

Fire Chief Dale Lochner gave a report to the committee informing his current roster has 36 volunteers and they have handled 24 calls so far in 2020. Chief Lochner reported in 2019 his department handled 119 calls for service, 61 of which were in the Village of Cross Plains. Chief Lochner reported on last months training which consisted of ambulance familiarization, radio protocols, and DNR update. He reported that 9 fire fighters will be going through a farm Rescue Class on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Chief Lochner reported that his department is looking at grants and

fundraising opportunities to help pay for updated fitness equipment and rapid response equipment.

EMS Chief Erika Mabrey reported on her new promotion from part time to full time chief. Chief Mabrey reported EMS has handled 61 calls for service so far in 2020. Chief Mabrey informed the committee she would be hiring a small group of LTEs to help cover calls for service. She also reported they have an Infection Control employee on staff.

V. Committee Discussion

1. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding ATV/UTV Routes in the Village of Cross Plains.

Seth Johnson spoke in favor of having ATV/UTV routes in the village on a trial basis. Mr. Johnson stated he believed the police could handle enforcement especially with reasonable restrictions.

Sue Shuetz spoke against the idea of having ATV/UTV routes in the village and believed it would be a problem with regards to noise, traffic congestion, and insurance requirements. Mrs. Schuetz believed the matter should be a referendum item.

Pam Born prepared a written report which she read. A copy of the report will be included with the minutes.

Laura Bock spoke against ATV/UTV routes in the village and was concerned about speed limits, turn signals, and traffic congestion.

Mr. Brunner asked for people from the audience to raise their hands if they were in support of ATV/UTV Routes in the Village of Cross Plains. 12 people raised their hands in support. An audience member asked to see how many people were against ATV/UTV Routes in the Village of Cross Plains. 8 people raised their hands in opposition.

After discussion, Motion by Swingen, second by Walker, to move forward to the Village Board of Cross Plains a series of bullet points that should be considered if a Village Ordinance is created to regulate ATV/UTV routes in the Village of Cross Plains. The final list of bullet points will be included with the minutes. Roll call votes. Unanimously carried.

VI. Future Items of Discussion:

Kevin Engeliem requested an item be added to the April agenda. Mr. Engeliem would like to see some discussion and possible action on a Trout Days regarding traffic flow and hazards.

Red Flags on stop sign on Church St. at Thinnes St.

Follow up on multiple items from February 4, 2020, meeting.

V. Schedule Next Meeting Date:

Committee agreed to have future meetings scheduled on 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled on Tuesday, April 7, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., at the Village of Cross Plains

VI. Adjournment: Motion by Brunner, second by Swingen to adjourn at 8:46 p.m. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Tony J. Ruesga  
Chief of Police

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