

School Resource Officer (SRO) Special Committee

Meeting Minutes

Village of Cross Plains
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Wednesday, September 17, 2014

7:00 pm

I. Call to Order and Roll Call – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Present: Village President Pat Andreoni, Village Trustee William Brosius, Police Commission President Neil Purtell, Police Chief Tom Janssen, School Board President Bob Green, School Superintendent Don Johnson, and Middle School Principal Tim Keeler.

II. Committee Member Introductions.

III. Discussion regarding School Resource Officer (SRO) position cost and description – The following issues were discussed regarding the SRO Position:

- Use of the current Intergovernmental Agreement as platform to provide expanded service using current resources.
- The need to develop a consistent non-enforcement presence at certain times of the day.
- Educational safety program development.
- Security officer versus police officer.
- General marketing efforts within the community to display the positives of a SRO in a non-enforcement situation.
- School District's experience with the City of Middleton SRO.
- Establishment of a job description in a non-disciplinarian format.

IV. Discussion regarding creation of Cross Guard position – The need for a Crossing Guard at the Church Street and Military Road intersection was discussed based on the recent display of traffic patterns generated by the addition of the 5th Grade to the Middle School. The School District is requesting that the Village pursue implementation of a Crossing Guard Program to help assist students using this route. The possibility of creating a School "Zone" versus the current School "Route" and the School District's traffic study of the same intersection were also discussed. This issue has been referred to Village Staff for additional consideration.

V. Set next meeting date:

- Public Information Meeting – Wednesday, September 24, 2014 at 9:00 am at Coach's Club.
- Committee Meeting – Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

VI. Adjournment – A motion was made by Janssen, seconded by Brosius, and unanimously carried by the Committee to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 pm.

Pursuant to law, written notice of this meeting was given to the public and posted on the public bulletin boards in accordance with Open Meetings Law.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew G. Schuenke
Village Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer