

Public Safety Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

Village of Cross Plains

2417 Brewery Road
Cross Plains, WI 53528
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Tuesday, June 2, 2020

7:00 pm

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lori Zander at 7:00 pm.

II. Roll Call

Committee members present were Doug Brunner, Lori Zander, and Kevin Engeliem. Committee members absent were Randy Swingen and Terry Walker. Also present, Pam Born, Chief Dale Lochner, and Chief Tony Ruesga.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Public Comment:

No public comment.

V. Approval of Minutes from May 5, 2020 PSC Meeting:

Motion by Doug Brunner seconded by Lori Zander to approve the minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

VI. Report of PSC Officers

1. Chairperson

Reported on the ordinance that passed regarding ATVs and UTVs.

2. Members

No comments made.

VII. Report of First Responders:

1. Cross Plains Area EMS Chief

Chief Ruesga provided report for Chief Mabrey. Chief Ruesga reported that not much has changed for EMS regarding COVID-19. Chief Ruesga reported the only concern for EMS is transport delays due to protests in Madison.

2. Cross Plains Fire Chief

Chief Lochner reported his department has resumed limited training and continue to be involved in the community parades. Chief Lochner encouraged everyone to attend the Fire District Meeting scheduled for June 16th.

3. Cross Plains Police Chief

Chief Ruesga also reported that not much has changed with COVID-19 responses. Chief Ruesga reported and explained the CAPMAR procedure if the Village of Cross Plains would be tasked with protesters, rioters, or looters.

VIII. Committee Discussion

1. Update on Dog Leash Law

Chief Ruesga reported that the dog leash ordinance will be addressed by the Village Board during their June meeting.

2. Update on Heavy truck route on Bourbon Road.

Chief Ruesga reported that the heavy truck ordinance regarding Bourbon Road has been updated and approved by the Village Board.

3. Update on Post flood guard rails on Valley Street, Lewis Street, and Baer Park

Chief Ruesga reported speaking with Director of Public Facilities, Jerry Gray, about the guard rails and was informed by Director Gray that they will be repaired later this year.

4. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding no outlet or dead-end sign on Birchwood Pass.

Chairperson Zander read an email from Seth Johnson regarding this issue. Motion by Doug Brunner seconded by Lori Zander to take no action. All ayes. Motion carried.

5. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding removal of the wooden enclosures over the water fountains.

Motion by Lori Zander seconded by Doug Brunner to have the wooden enclosures removed and the water main to the fountains shut off until safe to turn on. The enclosures will be placed on the fountains yearly from November 1st – April 1st. All ayes. Motion carried. The committee directed Chief Ruesga to speak with Director Gray about alternative enclosures.

6. Update on Black Earth Creek Bridge sign.

Chief Ruesga reported that signs would soon be erected at the Black Earth Creek Bridge to prevent people from jumping off the bridge. A photograph of the sign was provided to the committee. The committee thought it was a good idea for safety and liability.

IX. Future Items of Discussion:

Village of Cross Plains Emergency Operation Plan

KP Bridge Update

X. Schedule Next Meeting Date

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 4, 2020, at 7:00 pm.

XI. Adjournment

Motion by Doug Brunner seconded by Kevin Engalien to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Tony J. Ruesga
Chief of Police