

# Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

## January 9, 2018

Attended by: Mike Konwinski Committee Chairperson, Michele Obaya Committee Co-Chairperson, Mayor Guerin, Shawn Campbell - Communications Director, Fire Chief LaRivere, Deputy Fire Chief Flynn and Police Chief Loni.

The Public Safety Committee met on Tuesday January 9, 2018 and was called to order at 1:30PM. The following AGENDA items were discussed.

1. The police chief discussed his desire to hire two officers in 2018. The two potential hires would replace two supervisors who have retired, so the hires should have no negative impact on the future budget.
2. The police chief asked that floor space, at the new public works building, be allotted to store old public safety records, evidence and unclaimed property. The chief explained that space, for storage, in the police department is tight and the current space at the old PW building is inadequate. As soon as a secured area can be identify and made available at the new public works building, this request will be honored.
3. The police chief stated that minor work, in the men's locker room, has been waiting to be finished for some time now. He is asking that the work, which includes replacing missing ceiling tiles and painting, be completed. The mayor stated that this issue will be addressed and the work completed in the near future.
4. The fire chief stated that the purchase of a new fire engine is under review. Until the purchase is complete, River Grove continues to utilize an engine borrowed from Melrose Park. The old fire engine is out for repair and it could remain in repair status for as long as three to four more weeks. Once repaired this will act as a backup engine.
5. The fire chief stated that, during the holiday season the fire department responded to two small fires in River Grove. Both fires were controlled and extinguished quickly and no injuries were reported.
6. OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The police chief is in the process of developing a community wide neighbor watch program. The details of the program will be made available during an upcoming community meeting. Please monitor our village web site and Facebook page for details about the meeting and program.
7. OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The IGA, which allows River Grove to use and store Triton College's fire engine, is in place.
8. OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NIMS training is still continuing, but we are more than half way done with getting everybody up to speed!

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 P.M. Submitted by Michael Konwinski – Village Trustee | Public Safety Committee Chairperson. Our next Public Safety Committee Meeting will be on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 1:30 PM.