

**Public Safety Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at 6:00 pm**  
**Village Hall**  
**405 Main St. Pecatonica, IL**

1. **Call to Order-** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Howard at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, August 7, 2024.
2. **The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was recited.**
3. **Roll call –** Chairman Howard and Village Trustee Tom Gipe were present. Trustee Kim Gipe was absent.

Also in attendance were Village President Tom Heister, Police Chief Matt Summers, and Village Clerk Darla Stram.

4. **Additions/Corrections to the Agenda-** None
5. **Approve the Agenda -**

A motion was made by Trustee Tom Gipe and seconded by Trustee Howard to approve the agenda as presented. No discussion. A roll call vote was taken. All present voted yes. Motion approved 2-0-1.

6. **Public Comment-** None
7. **Approve the June 5, 2024, Minutes-**

A motion was made by Trustee Tom Gipe and seconded by Trustee Howard to approve the June 5, 2024, minutes. No discussion. A roll call vote was taken. All present in favor. Motion approved 2-0-1.

8. **Items for Discussion**

- A. **License Plate Readers**

Chief Summers brings information on license plate readers to the village. License plate readers only capture the license plate and kind of car. It can also notify officers immediately if someone comes into town that has a mark. Winnebago County has installed a few in Loves Park, Cherry Valley and Winnebago using the Flock system. He stated there is a yearly fee of \$3,000.00 per camera installed.

Discussion for the license plate readers will continue at the next meeting after more research has been done.

- B. **Squad Updates**

Chief Summers discussed an issue with the Durango police vehicle. He stated that the transmission is slipping and the blower for the a/c is having issues once again. Chief Summers asked the committee if getting a new vehicle would be better than continuing to put money into fixing the Durango. The budget for a new squad vehicle is \$34,700.00, not including the trade in value of the Durango. The Durango will be taken to Manus Repair to get a better idea of how much the repairs will be. More discussion will be held at the next meeting.

**C. Internal Procedures**

President Heister brought internal procedures to the committee for discussion. Chief Summers stated that almost everything the police do in the Village is written in the contract and handbook. Chief Summers stated there needs to be more consistency in how the village handles situations within the departments working for the village. The committee discussed the need to hold accountability and liability. The handbook is currently at the insurance company for review. Drug testing rules and procedures were also discussed. Currently the village does not have copies of employees drivers licenses.

**9. New Business – None**

**10. Next Meeting, Wednesday, September 4, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.**

**11. Adjournment -**

A motion was made by Trustee Tom Gipe and seconded by Trustee Howard to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:36 pm.