

**The Village of Middlefield
Public Safety Committee Minutes
September 10, 2020**

The Village of Middlefield's Public Safety Meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. with the following members present: Mr. Carl Hornung (arrived 6:38), Mr. Bill Blue and Mr. Sam Morrow.

Also present: Mayor Ben Garlich, Chief Tucholski, Lt. Graley, Mr. Ron Wiech, and Ms. Leslie McCoy-Village Administrator.

Agenda: No additions or deletions are needed.

Minutes of March 12, 2020 were presented for approval. ***Mr. Blue made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Mr. Morrow seconded. All in favor: (2).***

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Personnel:** Officer Wolfe has started her training and has been working with Sgt. Aveni. Discussion regarding the reasons to have a part-time employee and the benefits that they bring to the department.
2. **Training:** Chief Tucholski stated that there has not been much training this year due to quarantine. Officers Nadaud and Dawson will be attending Glock Armor School this month in Cleveland. The department has been doing the yearly training of policies and procedures and have completed training online through webinars. Discussion regarding Lt. Graley's training at his previous employer versus what village offers. Chief Tucholski stated that the training is very similar.
3. **Statistics:** Chief Tucholski gave the statistics for the month of August. There were 410 calls for service; this is up from the previous months. Discussion regarding Year-to-Date calls.
4. **Crimes:** Chief Tucholski stated that there has been nothing out of the ordinary. Just finished a theft case from Walmart. The case is completed and ready for the prosecutor. Discussion regarding the various calls that took place last night.
5. **Equipment/Vehicles:** Chief Tucholski stated that Unit one has had several thousands of dollars in repairs this year and it is pushing 100,000 miles. Discussion regarding the Ford Hybrid for the 2021 year. They are not giving the departments any choice. Some of the other departments in the county have gone to a Tahoe and that is what the department is leaning towards. Lt. Graley wondered if the department could use some of the Cares Funds. Ms. McCoy stated that replacing the cruiser interior with vinyl seats will allow for better cleaning (i.e. cleaning for COVID-19) then Cares Funds can be used to help purchase the new cruiser. The cost of the new cruiser would be approximately \$41,000. Discussion regarding the portable radios. The department did not have

enough to outfit each officer with their own radio. The sheriff's department has recently upgraded their radio and Lt. Graley was able to acquire the Sheriffs old radios so each officer in the department has their own radios.

6. **General Discussion:** None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Safety Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.