

**The Village of Middlefield  
Public Safety Committee Minutes  
February 11, 2021**

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The Village of Middlefield's Public Safety Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present: Mr. Ron Wiech, Mr. Bill Blue and Mr. Sam Morrow.

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

Agenda: Delete #1 Hiring of Part-Time Officer-Wages.

**Minutes of January 14, 2021** were presented for approval. ***Mr. Wiech made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. All in favor: (3).***

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Personnel:** Chief Tucholski stated that Officer Wolfe has resigned her position. Lt. Graley stated that Patrick Cooney is from Parma and this will be his first police officer position. He was on the auxiliary for Lakewood.
2. **Training:** Chief Tucholski stated that there is not a lot of training scheduled for this year. The training course have gone up in price. Officer Dawson will be attending a Fire Arms Training Course and will be holding training in house.
3. **Statistics:** Chief Tucholski gave the stats for the month of January. The stops are still light but the officers are being very cautious due to COVID. Mayor Garlich brought up the police blotter and questioned how titles are created/chosen. Chief Tucholski gave an explanation of how the blotter is created.
4. **Crimes:** Chief Tucholski stated that there were several thefts at the Middlefield Village Apartments. The suspects have been caught; still looking at possible charges. The police department is still working on a trespassing issue at the Library. The same person went to Walmart and caused an issue and by the time the police arrived he was shouting profanities in the parking lot and was charged with disorderly conduct. The same person went to Giant Eagle, again caused problems, and was asked to leave by the employees.
5. **Equipment/Vehicles:** The new Tahoe is being manufactured. Received the reimbursement for the license plate reader. Would like to use that money to buy new rifles and shot guns for the cruiser. The old guns would be traded in for credits. ***Mr. Wiech made a motion to approve the purchase to replace the weapons, motion seconded by Mr. Morrow. All in favor: Yeas (3).*** Discussion regarding the purchasing of ammo; it has been difficult to get and the pricing is staying consistence. Discussion regarding Unit 4 and its mileage. Have 10

officers and 4 cars. Will need to revisit this later in the year. Currently not using unit 1 due to it needing major repairs.

6. **Police Department Camera System:** Chief Tucholski stated that it is a whole building system and includes areas within the building. It would be about \$10,000 to upgrade the whole system. There are currently 11 camera in use on the building and the camera would be replaced. The system is outdated and if a camera goes down then a new one has to be purchased and it would not be compatible with the current system. The current system is about 10 years old. It is requested to come out of the general budget. This was approved last year before COVID hit and all projects were stopped. **Mr. Wiech made a motion to replace the current system, motion seconded by Mr. Blue. All in favor: Yeas (3).** Discussion regarding using the old cameras at the plants and the well field.
7. **General Discussion:** Chief Tucholski stated that the squad room has been reorganized and the desks have been moved out and the conference table moved back there. Discussion regarding the fact the 5 phones have been eliminated and should reduce the monthly cost. Detective Boxler is doing a great job. He has requested a police cell phone to use on off hours and while on duty. Mr. Wiech would like the village to send a letter to the governor to express that Police should be included with first responders for the COVID 19 vaccine. Chief Tucholski stated that the president of the FOP has already reached out to the governor with that request. Discussion of the police involvement at the schools. The schools have been much more controlled. Just not a lot going on, the kids seem calmer with everything going on.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business before the Safety Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.