

**The Village of Middlefield
Public Safety Committee Minutes
July 8, 2021**

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, Lt. Graley, Ms. Leslie McCoy-Administration and Chief Tucholski.

Agenda: No additions or deletions to the agenda.

Minutes of June 10, 2021 were presented for approval. ***Mr. Morrow made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, motion seconded by Mr. Wiech. All in favor: (3).***

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Personnel:** Chief Tucholski stated that the department is at full staff with the part-time officer. Trying to get vacations in.
2. **Training:** The department has been doing online training. Class cost are high.
3. **Statistics:** Chief Tucholski gave the statistics for the month of June. 436 call for service for the month. Calls are up. Expecting an increase in tickets due to the expiration of the plates and licenses. Discussion regarding the various alarm drops.
4. **Crimes:** Discussion regarding the child endangerment charges on the list. This was turned over to the prosecutor. Discussion regarding what a rule 4 charge is. Lt. Graley stated that the village is seeing an increase in panhandling but the federal government has ruled this freedom of speech. Lt. Graley has done a lot of research to see what the village can do. Discussion regarding the homeless gentlemen that bike into town and the various locations where they have been staying.
5. **Equipment/Vehicles:** The Tahoe is in service. We put on the road on Saturday. Det. Boxler has been driving it and then Officer Gray will be his car partner in the vehicle. The old cruiser is up on govdeals and just waiting for it to sell.
6. **General Discussion:** Discussion regarding the FBI National Training that Officer Aveni has been attending to further her training as a Sgt. Lt. Graley will be finishing his last classes once Sgt. Aveni has completed her training. Mr. Morrow made a statement that he has read several article of Police officers leaving their careers. Chief Tucholski stated that he and his department is very lucky to service this community due to the support of the community, Council and Mayor. Also, Mr. Morrow mentioned that officers are leaving due to communities taking away the "qualified immunity". The officers are afraid to do their job in case they can be sued by a resident of a community personally and professionally.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Safety Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm.