

**The Village of Middlefield
Public Safety Committee Minutes
September 9, 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 August 12, 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 everyone is doing well. Officer Dawson was involved in a head on collision on his way home from work. He is pretty banged up but doing well.
2. **Training:** Discussion regarding the range use fees. The department is looking for a new range that has lower fees. Discussion regarding the village purchasing land and installing a range for their own use. Will continue looking for places to qualify.
3. **Statistics:** Chief Tucholski gave the statistics for the month of August. The department had 495 calls for service; busy month. Jail is still turning away warrant arrest due to COVID and quarantining.
4. **Crimes:** Chief Tucholski stated that Coach Gresko changed his plea to guilty and is awaiting sentencing.
5. **Equipment/Vehicles:** Chief Tucholski stated that they are looking at purchasing another cruiser. Due to chip shortage only a limited number of cruisers will be built and if the department does not get on the list it could be awhile before they can get a new cruiser. Mr. Wiech feels that the department should get on the list even if they do not follow through with the purchase. Mr. Blue agrees as does Mr. Morrow. No motion made.
6. **General Discussion:** Still receiving applications. Reached out to police academies and also advertising online. Lt Graley stated that he has spoken with other department and they are finding applicants and they pay them to attend the academy plus the cost of the academy. It can get expensive

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Safety Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm.