

**MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING
JANUARY 7, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Hawkins, Lee, Linn, Pozzini-Stedman; Timmers; Town Board Liaison: Prudhon; Clerk: Short.

Absent: Brueckner and LeBlanc with notice.

APPROVE AGENDA (Additions / Deletions): Linn moved approval of the agenda as presented. Hawkins seconded. Ayes all.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9, 2015: Linn moved approval of the Minutes of December 9, 2015. Pozzini-Stedman seconded. Ayes all.

CONSENT AGENDA: Linn moved approval of the Consent Agenda as follows: 4A) Receive Ramsey County Sheriff's Reports; 4B) Receive Sheriff Contract Group Minutes; 4C) Receive White Bear Lake Fire Department Reports. Timmers seconded. Ayes all.

CSO/ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER MARIO LEE – ANIMAL REPORTS / DISCUSSION: Officer Lee reviewed the Animal Control 2015 Summary for the Township. Total estimated calls were 185; 15 cat related calls; 115 dog related calls; 24 wildlife related calls; 15 deer related calls; 1 pony; 1 orange sun conure parrot; 56 animals at large; 27 barking related calls; and 18 welfare related calls. He reported that each quarter calls for each of the contract cities is tabulated. He also prepares a weekly report. He reported that in March 2015 animal control calls were converted to a new system. He reported that currently he does not have the number of animals that are licensed in the Township but that information is the next phase of his records and will be available within the year. Number of Hobby Kennel Licenses and addresses will also be available. Officer Lee reported that when he is aware of complaints he will issue a warning. If he is aware if there are three dogs at the residence he checks if the animal owner has a Hobby Kennel License and if not, informs them and monitors the situation for compliance. He also lets the Town's staff know. He reviewed the animal call reports and explained that he is making sure that case comments are included. He stated that he advocates microchipping a pet. There was discussion regarding coyotes. Officer Lee reported that there is a video on urban coyotes. He noted that the Township approved an Impound Agreement with Hillcrest Animal

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Hospital. He reported that Hillcrest is well run and very good to the animals and provides help with lost animals. The members thanked Officer Lee and invited him to attend a future meeting.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT – TOWN BOARD ACTION: Hillcrest Animal Hospital Agreement: The Board approved the Animal Impound Services Agreement with Hillcrest Animal Hospital for 2016 and beyond. The Board also approved an amendment to Ordinance No. 54 (Fees and Charges), Section 3-1.1(a) to read: Per Town Board Resolution. At the December 21, 2015 Town Board Meeting, the Board approved an impoundment fee of \$42.00 per occurrence. The Board approved the fee based on what other communities are charging. **Sheriff Matt Bostrom:** Sheriff Bostrom provided his Fall report to the Town Board. He reviewed the new Records Management System and Computer Aided Dispatch System. They were launched simultaneously. Sheriff Bostrom reported that there is resurgence in the use of heroin which is running 90% pure. He stated that drug use begins with overuse of prescription drugs. He urged people to clean out their medicine cabinets of unused prescription drugs by bringing them to the Ramsey County Law Enforcement Center at 425 Grove Street or the Sheriff's Patrol Station on Hamline and Highway 96.

GOALS OF COMMISSION – DISCUSS: This agenda item was carrier over to the February meeting.

MISSION & VISION STATEMENTS – REVIEW: This agenda items was carried over to the February meeting.

SEXUAL OFFENDER ORDINANCE – DISCUSS: The Clerk reported on the sex offender issue that surfaced recently in Birchwood Village. He reported that the Town Board asked if the Township has a sexual offender ordinance. The Town does not and the Town Board referred the matter to the Public Safety Commission to discuss and authorized the Town Attorney to attend the PSC meeting to assist in discussions.

Patrick Kelly, Town Attorney, reported that all offenders who are required to register as sex offenders are also assigned a level 1, 2, or 3 when they leave prison. After their prison sentences are completed courts civilly commit clients and place them in sex offender treatment for unspecified period of time. There are two locations used by the Minnesota Sex Offender Program, Moose Lake and St. Peter. Most clients begin treatment in Moose Lake and transfer to St. Peter after completing the first two phases of treatment. In St. Peter, clients complete treatment and work toward their release. Level 3 is considered the highest risk to re-offend. If a level 3 offender moves into your neighborhood, you will be notified by law enforcement.

A registered sex offender is a person, male or female, who has been convicted of a crime involving a sexual act where the federal, state or local laws require them to be placed on the Sexual Offender Registry after they have served their criminal sentences.

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The level of offense depends on the crime committed, the nature of the crime, the age of the parties involved, and the propensity to recommit the offense. Standard criteria for classifying sexual offenders was passed into law in 2007. Title I of that law established the Sex offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) required in all U.S. jurisdictions to conform their registration laws to the federal guidelines set forth under the new law or face a penalty. Level 1 Sex Offenders are typically of a non-violent nature with persons of the age of majority. Level I offenders include registration on the Sexual Offender Registry for a minimum of 15 years with verification on a yearly basis. Level 2 Sex Offenders are typically also of a non-violent nature, but involve minors. Level 2 offenders require being registered on the Sexual Offender Registry for no less than 25 years, with verification of the information twice a year. Level 3 Sex Offender is the most serious designated sex offender. It includes those convicted of violent and non-violent acts, with minors or adults. Level 3 offenses require being registered on the Sexual Offender Registry for the duration of the offender's lifetime, with verification of the information on a quarterly basis. According to the federal law, Sexual Act constitutes sexual penetration between the perpetrator and the victim. Sexual contact constitutes touching in a sexual nature. Level 1 sex offenses include misdemeanors and felonies such as public indecency; voyeurism; possession of child pornography (could include teen sexting); sexual contact without consent. Level 2 sex offenses include any new offense perpetrated by a Level 1 sexual offender; trafficking and/or transportation of minors for the purposes of sexual activity; using intimidation to elicit sexual activity; using bribery to elicit sexual activity; any sexual acts with persons between the ages of 12-15; any sexual contact with persons between the ages of 12-15; any sexual offenses where the offender has a position of authority over a victim, such as a parent or guardian, or those with temporary custody of the child, such as a babysitter or teacher; prostitution of minors; production or distribution of pornography that includes minors; any plans to commit or attempt to commit any of the above. Level 3 offenses include: any new offense perpetrated by at Level 2 sexual offender; most sexual assaults; sexual acts where force was used on the victim or the victim was under duress; sexual acts where the victim is rendered unconscious or impaired through the use of drugs or alcohol; sexual acts where the victim is under the age of 12; sexual acts where the victim is unable of consenting to the act due to mental impairment or disability; sexual acts where the victim is unable to physically decline the act; sexual acts where the victim communicates their unwillingness to participate in the sexual act; and/or; any plans to commit or attempt to commit any of the above.

There are different restrictions for different areas and offenses. Some areas only require sex offenders to register their name, while others hold restrictions on residency. For crimes involving minors, some convicts are restricted from living within a certain radius of a school, day care center, or children's park. Some convicted of crimes against minors are restricted from being in the general presence of minors, including family members. Persons convicted of crimes cannot be discriminated against for employment purposes. However, a prospective employer must take into account the restrictions placed on the offender.

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The City of Taylors Falls Ordinance governing sexual offenders and sexual predators was reviewed. There was discussion regarding parks, bus stops, schools, licensed day care, etc. in the Township. It was the consensus that it would be good to have a map that identifies these locations which would restrict sexual offenders from living in within a designated distance.

It was the consensus that the Taylors Falls Ordinance be reviewed more closely and ask Ramsey County to tell us how it is set up now for restricted sex offenders in an area; have staff prepare a map showing the location of bus stops, schools, Town parks, licensed day care; obtain a report from the Ramsey County Sherriff's Office explaining the notification process when a sex offender moves into as neighborhood.

The matter of a Sexual Offender Ordinance will continue to remain on the agenda for further discussion.

LIAISON REPORTS: There were no liaison reports.

NEXT MEETING DATE / ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 4, 2016. Items for discussion include:

- Goals of Commission
- Liaison Reports
- Sexual Offender Ordinance (if requested information is received)

OPEN TIME: No one appeared for the open portion of the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan J. Clemens
Recording Secretary