

**MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 2020**

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

Present: Anderson, LeBlanc, Lee, Linn, Pozzini-Stedman; Town Clerk: Christopherson

Absent: Griffin, without notice; Brueckner and Supervisor McCune with notice

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Additions/Deletions): LeBlanc moved approval of the agenda as submitted. Linn seconded. Ayes all.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 5, 2019 (Additions/Deletions): LeBlanc moved to approve the Minutes of December 5, 2019. Pozzini-Stedman seconded. Ayes all.

CONSENT AGENDA: LeBlanc moved to receive the Consent Agenda as follows: A) Receive Animal Control Reports; B) Receive Ramsey County Sheriff's Reports; C) Receive Sheriff's Contract Group Minutes. Pozzini-Stedman seconded. Ayes all. There was some discussion on why the Commission still has not received a simpler list of reports specific to the Township. If the Town could receive an excel file, then it could be filtered.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: There were none.

LIAISON REPORTS: Anderson was present to report on the White Bear Lake Fire Department's news. They recently ordered a new ladder truck that will arrive in about a year, as it takes a while to build. Six new part-time employees joined staff in 2020. Anderson noted that the White Bear Lake Police Department wouldn't mind attending a Public Safety meeting if the Commissioners wanted.

There was some discussion of the Fire Department's rates for the Township and how that has thrown a possibly pleasant curve ball for the Town's fight to obtain Local Government Aid from the State. There was some minor discussion of LGA and the most recent meeting with the Executive Director of the Association of Townships.

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REQUEST TO REDUCE SPEED: A request to reduce speed was brought before the Commission regarding Centerville Road heading north past 96. There was some discussion on this agenda item, and the Commission didn't see concern over the speed on that road at this time. There was some discussion on the future goals of that road with the 35 / County Road J interchange. It is proposed in this year's budget to bond for engineers to improve the traffic along the entrance and exit ramps of 35 E, Centerville Road, and County Road J. If any future proposal of these roads are accepted by the state legislature in 2021, the traffic on Centerville will change anyway. There was discussion regarding the proposed changes regarding roundabouts or traffic signals.

TOBACCO 21: The Town Clerk reported to the Commission the new development regarding Tobacco 21: it has been adopted at a County level. And so a North Suburban Tobacco Compliance Project has been distributed among municipalities within Ramsey County about the new restrictions. It was also noted that all municipalities must now pass resolutions regarding the Ramsey County Ordinance. Once the suggested resolution is received by the Township, it will be presented to the Commission to give input and modify if possible, and approve and adopt.

FUTURE MEETING DATES / NEXT MEETING DATES: The next Public Safety Commission Meeting will be held on March 5, 2020 at 6 p.m. The Town Clerk asked the Commission if there was any desire to meet quarterly or bi-monthly as the past meetings haven't been lengthy, perhaps the Commission could combine meetings. The Commissioners' consensus was that they like the meetings the way they are, and that the meetings were notably longer in the past. It was noted that if an agenda was going to be very light, it could be postponed, otherwise the meetings will be left as is.

OPEN TIME: No one appeared for the open portion of the meeting. The Commission discussed ordinances briefly, specifically the ordinance prohibiting draining sump pump water into the street. Technically it is prohibited in the County, but allowed in the Township. There was some discussion over crossover governmental regulation and enforcement: from municipality to county, from county to state, from state to federal.

ADDED AGENDA ITEMS: There were no added agenda items.

LeBlanc moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m. Anderson seconded. Ayes all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan R. Cavanaugh
Recording Secretary