

Village of Balsam Lake
Public Protection Committee
August 9, 2017 5:30 pm to 6:25 pm

Meeting called to order by Kathy Poirier.

Members present: Kathy Poirier, Steve Biza, Geno D'Agostino.

Others Board member present: Caroline Rediske.

Others present: Police Chief Tom Thompson, David Knutson, Denny Aubin.

Public Comments: David Knutson stated he was on the Village Board when the ATV Ordinance was adopted and he felt it was working well and in favor of the way it stands.

Discussion was held amending Ordinance 286-9 All-terrain vehicles E. Speed Limits. The existing ordinance states no person shall operate an ATV in excess of 10 miles per hour.

Motion by Steve Biza to recommend to the Village Board to amend Ordinance 286-9 All-terrain vehicles E. Speed Limits. No person shall operate an ATV in excess of 25 miles per hour on any Village street, alley or designated public grounds. Seconded by Geno D'Agostino. Carried.

Chief Tom Thompson presented a proposal included in the Police Department budget to assume the role of Zoning Administrator. Discussion was held on the current zoning position held by Cody Korsan, DPW; how the staffing and hours would change for the Police Department. It was agreed that it is premature to consider this option at this time and the committee will explore all options.

The Police Department budget was discussed. Chief Thompson would like to have three full time employees in the department with one having the part time duties of zoning administrator. The possibility of future partnering with the Balsam Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District to expand the Village Police Department in policing the entire lake and off was discussed.

Motion to adjourn by Geno D'Agostino. Seconded by Steve Biza. Carried.

Mary Kjeseth, Deputy Clerk Treasurer