

Village of Balsam Lake  
Public Protection Committee  
Tuesday June 14, 2016 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Meeting called to order by Chairman Steve Biza.

Members present: Steve Biza, Kathy Poirier, Caroline Rediske  
Others present: Police Chief Tom Thompson, Fire Chief Mark Anderson

Public Comments: Judy Swenson-would the Public Protection Committee consider erecting a Slow Children Crossing sign and/or speed limit sign at the ball park/playground. Introduction-A part time police officer will be brought before the Village Board at the July Board Meeting.

An update regarding setting occupancies was not discussed with Village Building Inspector Cliff Manwiller as he was not present. Fire Chief Anderson did state that he would be in favor of working with Cliff Manwiller in complying with the state to set occupancies for bars and restaurants.

Fire Chief Anderson requested to purchase a LED light bar rear scene light for a fire truck from DSC Communications in the amount of \$1935.00. **Motion by Kathy Poirier to purchase the LED light bar in the amount of \$1935.00. Seconded by Caroline Rediske. All in favor. Carried.**

Discussion was held with Fire Chief Anderson regarding long term budgeting for fire department equipment and vehicles. The committee will meet with Fire Chief Anderson in July to discuss the budget needs of the department. Discussion was also held on fire inspection expenses and implantation of an inspection fee charged to each business.

Discussion was held with Police Chief Thompson regarding implanting a policy for denial of operator's licenses. The purpose for the policy is to provide a fair and consistent system of alcohol operator/agent licensing that protects public safety and is applied in a uniform manner. There are 8 disqualifiers listed in the policy. After discussion #7 will be scratched which states an operator license will be denied if applicant owes any outstanding fines, fees or taxes to the Village. Once the application is received in the office the application will be given to the police chief to approve or deny. If approved the clerk's office (within 5 working days from receipt of application) will issue the license to the applicant. A list of approved operator licenses will then be brought before the Village Board. **Motion by Caroline Rediske to recommend to the Village Board to approve the denial policy for operator's licenses for all (renewal and original) applications. Seconded by Kathy Poirier. All in favor. Carried.**

If rental license fees are not paid by the owner of the rental property by November of each year, the fee will be placed onto the property owner's real estate taxes.

Police Chief Thompson will no longer need the Village's health insurance. Police Chief Thompson would like to see the savings (June-December \$1500 per month) from cancelling the health insurance be moved from employee benefits to the vehicle capital account or hire a full time police officer. **Motion by Kathy Poirier to recommend to the Village Board to move up to \$10,500 police employee benefits (health insurance) to the police vehicle capital fund. Seconded by Caroline Rediske. All in favor. Carried.**

A work schedule for the part time police officers will be given/sent to Chairman Steve Biza.

Motion by Kathy Poirier to adjourn. Seconded by Caroline Rediske.  
Lori Duncan, Clerk Treasurer