

Village of Balsam Lake
Public Protection Committee
Monday August 20, 2015 6:00 pm

Meeting called to order by Glen Jones.

Members present: Glen Jones, Caroline Rediske, Vera Bollinger

Motion by Glen Jones to switch agenda item 5 with agenda item 4. Seconded by Caroline Rediske. All in favor. Carried.

Chief Thompson updated committee members on the part time police officers summer staffing schedule. Glen Jones stated that he has heard positive feedback from the public with the part time police officers conduct and representation of the police department. Chief Thompson will present hiring a full time police officer to the Finance Labor Committee for the 2016 budget.

Discussion was held between committee members, Chief Thompson and Chris Nelson in regards to regulating rental properties within the Village. Discussion was held in creating an ordinance regulating rental properties and a sample of an ordinance for Balsam Lake was reviewed. The proposed ordinance is Chapter 247 Property Maintenance Article VI Rental Licensing; Article VII Minimum Housing Code and Chapter 227 Nuisances 227-5(J) Criminal activity nuisances.

Motion by Caroline Rediske to move forward with acquiring bids to hire a firm to draft an ordinance regarding rental regulations. Seconded by Vera Bollinger. All in favor. Carried.

Committee members and Chief Thompson discussed who is responsible, the village police or the county police when a call is received on county property. The Polk County Sheriff stated that county property calls should be answered by the Balsam Lake Police Department not the county if the property resides within the Village. Discussion was held on transporting people out of town and the costs and time involved. At this time the Balsam Lake Police Department will respond to all calls that reside within the Village.

Motion by Vera Bollinger to adjourn. Seconded by Caroline Rediske . All in favor. Carried.

Lori Duncan, Clerk Treasurer

**amended September 3, 2015: Here is the final Balsam Lake decision from Sheriff Peter Johnson.

Recognizing that everything within the corporate limits of Balsam Lake is concurrent jurisdiction of both Balsam Lake PD and the Polk County Sheriff's Office, Chief Thompson and I have come up with the following agreement: We will take responsibility for calls that occur within the Government Center and Justice Center buildings. Balsam Lake will cover the parking lots of those buildings and anything occurring at the Serenity House. Should an event from inside the building spill over to outside the building, like a chapter from Mental Health, we will take care of it. Balsam Lake can be sent to a call within the buildings to assist and secure until we can arrive. Dispatch has been advised to dispatch purely based upon whether an incident occurred within a building or not. Obviously, the first response could determine that the other agency is responsible for the call and can either decide to handle it (in a simple case) or request a response from the other agency.