

Village of Balsam Lake  
Public Protection Committee  
August 12, 2012 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Meeting called to order by Geno D'Agostino.

Members present: Geno D'Agostino, Vera Bollinger  
Member absent: Chair, Chris Sondrol  
Others present: Police Chief Tom Thompson, David Knutson

Regulation of rental properties: Chief Thompson led the members through a review of rental dwelling licensing and inspection codes obtained from other municipalities. Possible components to include in the Village code were discussed. David Knutson suggested requiring off street parking for new rental dwellings.

Open container ordinance: Chief Thompson outlined issues that have occurred with bar customers carrying open containers on the street or between bars. The state laws regarding open containers and the bar owner's responsibility were reviewed and discussed. It was suggested by Chief Thompson to send a letter to bar owners and a copy of the WI Alcohol Beverage & Tobacco Laws for Retailers to inform of the law and the enforcement of it. Chief Thompson asked the committee to think about setting guidelines regarding the sale to intoxicated persons. Inspection of licensed premises, penalties for violations and video gambling were discussed.

Summer crime issues and possible causes: Chief Thompson sited youth issues may be reduced with the recent curfew change. Domestic issues and vandalism has increased with the common denominator of alcohol. Park and beach hours and curfews were discussed.

Items to be on next month's agenda: Regulation of rental properties and sale to intoxicated persons.

Motion by Vera Bollinger to adjourn. Seconded by Geno D'Agostino. Carried.

Mary Kjeseth, Deputy Clerk Treasurer