

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

February 27, 2023

I. Roll call

Members in Attendance:

**Gary Pilafas, Vice Chair
Anna Newell, Trustee
Karen Mills, Trustee
Gary Stanton, Trustee
Karen Arnet, Trustee
William McLeod, Mayor**

Members Telephonic:

Michael Gaeta, Chairman

**Management Team Members
in Attendance:**

**Eric Palm, Village Manager
Dan O'Malley, Deputy Village Manager
Art Janura, Corporation Counsel
Al Wenderski, Director of Engineering
Kasia Cawley, Police Chief
Alan Wax, Fire Chief
Darek Raszka, Director of IT
Rachel Musiala, Finance Director
Joe Nebel, Director of Public Works
Monica Saavedra, Director of HHS
Suzanne Ostrovsky, Asst. Village Mgr.
Ric Signorella, CATV Coordinator
Ben Gibbs, NOW Arena GM**

The Public Health and Safety Committee meeting was called to order at 7:52 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Trustee Stanton, seconded by Trustee Arnet, to approve the Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting minutes from January 23, 2023. Roll call vote taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Request authorization to repair the police department firearms range trap system through Action Target, Inc., Provo, Utah, at a cost not to exceed \$52,929.64.**

An item summary sheet from Chief Cawley was presented to Committee.

Motion by Trustee Stanton, seconded by Mayor McLeod, to repair the police department firearms range trap system through Action Target, Inc., Provo, Utah, at a cost not to exceed \$52,929.64. Roll call vote taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

2. Request approval of an ordinance amending Section 4-5-8, Requirements for Police Officers, of the Hoffman Estates Municipal Code.

An item summary sheet from Chief Cawley was presented to Committee.

Chief Cawley addressed the Committee and advised that recruitment of police officers has been difficult the last few years. The Fire & Police Commission has approved several amendments to their rules in an attempt to attract more candidates, including eliminating the written testing portion of entry level exams. Staff also recommends waiving the \$40 application fee to assist in the ease of applying for positions. In addition, currently, police officers must have a bachelor's degree. Staff recommends that the bachelor's degree be waived if the applicant has served 36 months of honorable active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces or the applicant has served for 180 days of active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces in combat duty recognized by the Department of Defense.

Trustee Mills suggested that the word "may" should be replaced with the word "shall" be waived with regard to waiving the requirement.

Motion by Mayor McLeod, seconded by Trustee Mills, to approve an ordinance amending Section 4-5-3, Application Fee, and Section 4-5-8, Requirements for Police Officers, of the Hoffman Estates Municipal Code.

Motion by Trustee Mills, seconded by Trustee Arnet, to amend the motion to change "may" to "shall" in the wording for waiving a bachelor's degree. Roll call vote taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS (INFORMATION ONLY)

1. Police Department Month Report.

The Police Department Monthly Report was received and filed. Trustee Pilafas read a couple of letters from students at Whiteley School thanking the Police Department for visiting them.

2. Health & Human Services Monthly Report.

The Health and Human Services Department Monthly Report was received and filed.

3. Emergency Management Coordinate Monthly Report

The Emergency Management Coordinator Monthly Report was received and filed.

4. Fire Department Monthly Report

The Fire Department Monthly Report was received and filed.

II. President's Report

III. Other

IV. Items in Review

V. Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Arnet, seconded by Trustee Mills, to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. Roll call vote taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by:

Debbie Schoop, Executive Assistant

Date