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Safety Committee Meeting Minutes February 10, 2026 6:00 p.m.

Call to order 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Marty Fergus, Dave Sluka, Steve Thorn

Others Present: Mayor Tammy Meyer, Chief Clemens, Solicitor Bill Mason, Chris Novotny, Denise DiLellio

Citizens Present: Jen Sobczak

Approval of Minutes: Approval of January 13th meeting minutes. Dave asked for a motion to approve. Steve made the motion to approve the January 13th meeting minutes. Marty second. All ayes.

Police Chief Clemens reported that officers worked a total of 104 hours in November. The February schedule reflects 252 hours, demonstrating steady progress in departmental staffing and coverage.

The Chief discussed the department's uniform allowance and equipment needs. Much of the issued equipment and uniforms can be recovered upon an officer's retirement or separation from service. One option would be for the department to maintain an inventory of certain uniforms and equipment. Chief Clemens outlined the required equipment for a new officer, noting that the average startup cost is approximately \$1,000. Mayor Tammy suggested allocating \$600 toward a uniform allowance, with the remaining balance covered through the operating budget, as recoverable equipment can be returned to the department.

The department's bulletproof vests have expired, and the Chief is currently exploring grant opportunities to fund replacements. Plans are also underway to bring in an officer from another jurisdiction twice per month to assist with grant writing and administrative responsibilities.

Officer Villanueva is expected to complete training and transition to full-time status in March. The Chief is also pursuing the hiring of an additional full-time officer, which would bring the department to two full-time officers. Another candidate is currently being interviewed for a full-time position. Additionally, a part-time officer was recently sworn in and will begin training next week.

Chief Clemens and the Superintendent will meet to discuss the school district's expectations regarding a School Resource Officer (SRO).

The current parking ban ordinance limits proactive enforcement efforts. The village's solicitor will be revising the ordinance to improve its effectiveness.

Dispatch costs were also discussed.

- ❖ Steve made a motion to accept bids for dispatch. Marty second. All ayes.

Adjournment 6:27 p.m.

- ❖ Dave asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve made the motion. Marty second. All ayes.