

Village of North Riverside

Police & Fire Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: July 22, 2013

Trustee Mengoni, Chairman
Trustee Decosola
Trustee Wilt

Others in attendance were, Mayor Hermanek, Trustees Bianco and Czajka, Administrator Belmonte, Chief Niemann and Chief Basek.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. and the following is a summary of the meetings.

Item #: 1 Review of Fire Department: Trustee Mengoni distributed an organizational chart to the committee and board members present that he received from Chief Basek. Trustee Mengoni explained that he called this meeting so that the board members, most of them new to the board, can get an overview of both the Police and Fire departments. Chief Basek gave an overview of his department by explaining the pass out. He explained that a “full” shift consisted of one (1) lieutenant, four (4) firefighters and two (2) contracted paramedics. He informed the committee that there was a Day Lieutenant who was in charge of inspections, training and safety. He informed the committee about the number of vehicles in his department and mentioned that the grant the Village received for a new fire truck was progressing well and that if we had to order a vehicle it would take about 5 to 8 months. Chief Basek said that if we could find a demo with most of the equipment we need the time frame would be shorter. Chief Basek answered a few questions from the committee, Trustee Bianco expressed his appreciation for the fire department showing up at the 9th Avenue block party and what a great response he received from his neighbors and how much the kids enjoyed the fire truck. Chief Basek mentioned how his department works with the schools teaching fire safety and running fire drills and the department’s involvement with the Santa Run. Trustee Mengoni requested that once a month Chief Basek gives him a report, aside from the activity report, to read at board meetings that will mention what the fire department has done during the month in respect to their involvement with schools, organizations and the residents.

Item #2: Review of Police Department: Trustee Mengoni distributed an organizational chart of the Police Department that he received from Chief Niemann. Chief Neimann gave an overview of his department, explaining how many officers were on each shift and that there were two officers in investigations. He informed the committee that the telecommunicators, crossing guards and PSA’s are also under his supervision. Currently

the police department consist of a chief, deputy chief, commander, six (6) sergeants and fifteen (16) patrol officers. There are seven (7) telecommunicators and one (1) PSA. He explained to the committee that once they hire an officer he has to spend eleven (11) weeks at the police academy and another ten (10) weeks on field training before he goes on the streets alone. Chief Niemann explained that he would like to expand the PSA program and that the Village is currently in negotiations with the police union and hopes to negotiate an expansion of that program. Chief Niemann answered a few questions from the committee and was also instructed by Trustee Mengoni to give him a monthly report, other than the activity report, about the police department's involvement within the community.

There being no further business the meeting was adjured at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Trustee Joe Mengoni
Chairman