

Trustee Wanggaard called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. In attendance were:

Committee Members: Trustee Kevin Wanggaard and Trustee Dave Prott

Department Managers: Attorney Elaine Ekes, Captain Brian Wall

1. Approval of minutes

Trustee Prott moved to approve the minutes as printed from December 18, 2017. Seconded by Trustee Wanggaard. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Dog Fancier's Application / Chris Lamborton, 5120 Worsley Lane, Racine

The owner Chris Lamborton was present. Trustee Wanggaard stated everything was submitted and in order. The Owner had no questions for the committee.

Motion by Trustee Prott to Approve Dog Fancier's Application / Chris Lamborton, 5120 Worsley Lane, Racine. Seconded by Trustee Wanggaard. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Dog Fancier's Application /Olivia Johnson, 7238 Foley Road, Racine

The Owner was not present. Trustee Prott stated everything was submitted and in order.

Motion by Trustee Prott to Approve Dog Fancier's Application /Olivia Johnson, 7238 Foley Road, Racine. Seconded by Trustee Wanggaard. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Draft Ordinance regarding Pawnbrokers, Secondhand Article And Jewelry Dealers

Attorney Ekes revised Section 7-18-1 upon the request of the Caledonia Police Department to model the City of Racine ordinance. The Police Department became aware of a jewelry store accepting second hand jewelry in the Village. The Village has not had these types of dealers within its borders to the knowledge of the Police Department. The Police Department recommended getting ahead of this type of business and implementing requirements that pawnbrokers, secondhand article and jewelry dealers register received articles and jewelry in the North Eastern Wisconsin Property Reporting System (NARPS). There is already an Ordinance regarding pawnbrokers, secondhand article and jewelry dealers in place, however it's all paper oriented and isn't nearly as effective as its electric counterpart. NARPS will provide a quick method for the Police Department to check items received for stolen property right after receipt of the item by the dealer. NARPS has worked effectively in other

communities in securing stolen property. This particular shop was flagged because of the “We Buy Gold” advertisement in their window.

Currently, Racine pawnshops must hold the items for 15 days, after that holding period the item belongs to the pawnshop, regardless if it’s stolen. The criminals are still prosecuted, but the stolen items are unable to be recovered in most cases. If it is prior to 15 days, the property must be forfeited and the loss is considered a “cost of doing business”. Pawnshops pay 1/3 of the cost of gold, and any gems picked from the gold is sold separately. Attorney Ekes stated that the difference between Racine’s Ordinance and Caledonia’s Ordinance is that we may be more restrictive with our holding period. The holding period for pawnbrokers is 30 days, secondhand article and secondhand jewelry dealer is 21 days. Trustee Wanggaard asked why the holding periods were different and if they could be a consistent amount of days? Attorney Ekes said that the statute dictates the amount of days, and that the fees are also set by statute.

Trustee Wanggaard asked if we implemented NARPS would there still be a paper trail? Wall said they have to keep all the hardcopy records.

Trustee Prott made a motion to approve the draft Ordinance regarding Pawnbrokers, Secondhand Article And Jewelry Dealers. Seconded by Trustee Wanggaard. Motion carried unanimously.

This will move to the next Village Board meeting, February 19, 2018 for a first and second reading and possible adoption.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, Trustee Prott moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Trustee Wanggaard seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joslyn Hoeffert
Deputy Village Clerk