

## **1. Call to Order**

Trustee Wishau called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Committee Members: Trustee Wishau, Trustee Martin and President Dobbs. Trustee Stillman, Trustee Weatherston and Trustee Wanggaard were also present.

Absent: None.

Department Managers: Administrator Tom Christensen, Finance Director Kathy Kasper, Police Chief Christopher Botsch and Public Works Director Tom Lazcano.

## **2. Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Trustee Martin to approve the minutes dated April 19, 2021. Seconded by President Dobbs. Motion carried unanimously.

## **3. Cleaning Contract update**

This was initially discussed during the budget process so that there would be more time for the parks manager to focus on parks. Several cleaning businesses have been approached for quotes and CleanCo was identified as a quality choice for this service. The contract will need to be amended for a 6-month period.

## **4. COPS grant by the Police Department**

During the budget process the Board directed the Police Chief to explore grant options because the Village Board determined the budget could not support the number of personnel requested. Currently Chief Botsch is seeking to add two more personnel with a possibility of adding a third. The grant would provide an opportunity for additional personnel but is a grant that would require financial contribution from the Village. Cost projections were submitted that highlight the obligations of the Village. As a precursor to the grant, Botsch called the DOJ for more information and inquired about the chances of being awarded the grant (about 10-20%). The grant's focus has been changed for criteria to include support for community policing. Our goal is to provide more transparency, trust, accreditation to the policies and adhering to best practices. The Committee discussed being able to use this grant to hire on staff to be assigned to Task Force opportunities.

During the upcoming budget year, and every budget cycle moving forward Chief Botsch indicated he will still request for additional personnel until there are at least the recommended amount of 40 sworn. Currently the Village has 35 sworn. This would be a cost-effective way to achieve that request. The grant closes in June and is projected to be awarded in September. Any new Personnel will be onboarded in 2022.

Some Trustees recalled a report provided by a previous chief that organized calls received based on the type of call. This report would aid the Village in determining where the Police Department might be short staffed. Through a survey of Wisconsin

Police Chiefs, staffing was reviewed and out of the 23 responding agencies, Caledonia was ranked last for personnel.

The Committee discussed their experience with the Fire Department SAFER grant and how that has impacted the budget. They questioned if the overtime had been impacted in the Fire Department.

Discussion and action were forward to the Village Board.

**5. Adjournment**

Motion by Trustee Martin to adjourn. Seconded by President Dobbs. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joslyn Hoeffert  
Village Clerk