

# **MINUTES**

## **SUNSET HILLS POLICE ADVISORY BOARD**

February 02/07/2023

6:06 PM

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ald. Christine Lieber, Ald. Randy Epperson, Steve Kruse, Jesse Finney, Harry Schillinger, Kelly Snyder

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Chief Stephen Dodge, CORE Officer Police Officer Kenny Scheetz

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A motion was made to approve the minutes of the September 06, 2022 meeting by Ald. Epperson and seconded by Steve Kruse. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Dodge discussed having Communication Officers being considered First Responders/ Public Safety for retirement. Chief explained the current retirement age for Communication Officers was 60 year of age and by making them First Responders/ Public Safety, they could retire at 55 year of age with the City's current retirement system, Lagers. The board agreed to pass it along to the finance committee.

Chief Dodge discussed a Public Awareness Campaign For Prevention of Car Break Ins/ Stolen Vehicles. Chief Dodge stated his plan is to reduce vehicle break-ins/ stolen vehicles by 50%. Chief Dodge's plan consist of going door to door to hand out fliers, detailing the 2022 stats from the police department.

Officer Scheetz gave an update on numerous events that the police department has been involved in, since the last meeting. Officer Scheetz stated Cops and Bobbers was a huge success and everyone who attended had a great time. Officer Scheetz stated he gave Halloween safety talks at Resurrection Lutheran Church and St. Lucas Church. Officer Scheetz stated the department has participated in two events for Missouri Special Olympics. The first event Tip-A-Cop, which was held November 10, 2022 at Helen Fitzgerald's. This was the first time the department participated in this event and the department raised \$2790.00 and the second event, again was a first time event for the department was Polar Plunge. The department raised 3932.00. Officer Scheetz participated in an Opiates and the Impact on the Community talk at St. Lucas Church.

Alderman Epperson stated Thompson Price requested to be removed from the Police Advisory Board. Alderman Epperson also discussed the City Wide Retirement plan with the board. Alderman Epperson proposed two plans, the first was changing from the

current plan, which is 1.5% to 2.0% and the second was going with a 457(b) plan. The board is pushing for the 457(b) plan to go to the finance committee.

Chief Dodge requested from the board to purchase equipment needed for the officers who are on the MRT, Civil Disturbance Team. Chief also discussed the department will be replacing patrol vehicles in 2024.

The board also discussed the Watson Road entrance for Bass Pro Shop and how there is a need for a Yield sign there.

Jesse Finney made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Alderman Lieber. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 6:54 PM.