



MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
JULY 18, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Keith Ogle called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 6:31 P.M. on Monday, July 18, 2022, at the Village Administration Building, 432 W. Nebraska Street, Frankfort, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

Village Clerk Katie Schubert called the roll. In attendance were Mayor Keith Ogle, Clerk Katie Schubert, Trustees Adam Borrelli, Margaret Farina, Michael Leddin, Jessica Petrow, and Daniel Rossi. Staff in attendance included Village Administrator Rob Piscia, Asst. Administrator John Burica, Police Chief Leanne Chelepis, and Deputy Clerk Theresa Cork. Trustee Gene Savaria was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (JULY 13, 2022)

Trustee Farina made a motion (#1), seconded by Trustee Leddin, to approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of July 13, 2022. A voice vote was taken. All were in favor. The motion carried. Trustees Borrelli and Rossi abstained.

OPENING OF 7 N. WHITE STREET PROPOSALS

Mayor Ogle reported the Village of Frankfort advertised for sealed bids for the purchase of part of the property commonly known as 7 N. White Street.

Clerk Katie Schubert publicly opened the lone contract purchase proposal submitted by Integrus Development for the subject property.

Mayor Ogle announced the proposal was compliant and will be published on the Village website. He reported the purchase proposal will be discussed at the August 1st or August 10th Committee of the Whole meeting and, if recommended, before the Village Board for consideration at its August 15th regular meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

- *Community Resource Officer*

Chief Chelepis reported the Board of Education of Frankfort School District 157-C is requesting additional School Resource Officers (SRO) to provide policing and community-oriented services

to the School District's three schools following the mass shootings in educational settings around the country. She explained Officer Riff is the SRO currently assigned to the School District. She went on to explain that the District compensates the Village an amount of 75% of the gross salary of the SRO. The Village's share is 25% of the officer's salary plus benefits, which totals approximately \$122,000 per year.

Chief Chelepis explained the current challenges of hiring new police officers and SROs. Some of the principal challenges included State and Illinois Law Enforcement Standards and Training Board (ILSTB) mandated certifications and trainings specific to school resource officers. Chief Chelepis stated that due to these SRO requirements it would not be feasible to hire and train additional officers for this school year. She then highlighted ongoing and future proactive measures to increase school safety without additional SROs. Chief Chelepis also noted the Village's school safety measures exceed those of other local municipalities.

School Board President Edith Lutz was in the audience and spoke before the committee. She stated the School Board wishes to have two additional SROs dedicated to its schools. She praised Officer Riff and his relationship with the students and presence in the school. She noted the School Board will also consider hiring a private security company to provide the service. She acknowledged the continued challenges mentioned by Chief Chelepis.

Members discussed the school board's request for additional SROs and echoed the concerns expressed by Chief Chelepis. Members acknowledged the benefits of the School Resource Officer Program and the partnership with the school as well as the challenges of recruitment and retention of police officers. Members felt it was appropriate for the Police Department to provide the additional safety measures as discussed and to gather additional information to determine whether modifications to the program were feasible and advisable.

- *2 Smith Street Timeline*

Mayor Ogle shared that the purchase proposals for both 2 Smith Street (Jill Plesha) and 7 N. White Street (Integrus Development) will be discussed at the Committee of the Whole meeting on August 1st or August 10th.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Trustee Farina made a motion (#2), seconded by Trustee Borrelli, to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting of Monday, July 18, 2022. A voice was taken. All were in favor. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.