

**MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING
APRIL 1, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Anderson, Brueckner, Lee, LeBlanc, Linn, Pozzini-Stedman; Advisor: Christopherson; Supervisor: McCune

Present at the Town Offices were Advisor Christopherson, Anderson, Brueckner, Lee, Linn, and Supervisor McCune; all others were present via conference call.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Additions/Deletions): LeBlanc moved approval of the agenda as amended. Linn seconded. Ayes all.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 4, 2021 (Additions/Deletions): Linn moved to approve the minutes of February 4, 2021. Brueckner seconded. Ayes all.

CONSENT AGENDA: LeBlanc moved to receive the Consent Agenda as follows: A) Receive Ramsey County Sheriff's Reports; B) Receive Sheriff's Contract Group Minutes; C) Receive White Bear Lake Fire Department Report. Anderson seconded. Ayes all.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Supervisor McCune was present to report on the following Town Board action items. **The Annual Town Meeting** is continued to Tuesday, June 8th. **South Shore Boulevard** will be turned back to the Township as a one-way. The Town has been working with Ramsey County through the Memorandum of Understanding, which is not perfect, but will work for the Township. Construction will begin in 2022 and the road will be turned back after that. The Township has been in discussion with **Gem Lake regarding Joint Powers Agreement** changes. The changes would involve some Township Public Works upkeep for their city in exchange for compensation. **The Polar Lakes Park restrooms** are about to be constructed and will be in operation around August. Last meeting the Commission recommended to the Town Board **changes in ordinances regarding the RVs and Trailers**. The Planning Commission had made a similar recommendation and the public hearing is scheduled for April 19th. The Town is still in work with litigation and neighbors regarding **nuisance housing**. The Utility Commission is **reevaluating Republic Services and working on an RFP**. The Town has not been out for bid on those services for 20 years, so this will be good to look into. Right now it is a match all services. There are 2 clean-up days this year: May 15th and May 22nd.

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HUGO ROAD SPEED CONCERNS – UPDATE: The Town Clerk reported that the Commission reviewed this item in October or November. The speed study will start soon, but the Town Board needs to make a motion, and so the Public Safety Commission should consider making a recommendation. This item is already on Monday, April 5th's meeting agenda.

Anderson made the motion to recommend the Town Board approach MnDOT to address the speed concerns on Hugo Road. Linn seconded. It was also noted that staff can inform traffic officers to give tickets, not just warnings, along that road. Ayes all.

LIAISON REPORTS: Member Linn brought up the Sheriff's reports and suggested that though the information is valuable, could it be condensed? Could there be a sort of liaison to the Sheriff's Department that could summarize the report, or create a compiled report? There was some discussion of this. The Town Clerk will look into this.

Anderson reported that the new truck is in: \$1.1 million. The Fire Department is looking to hire full-time replacement. There was a question of whether she could find the cost for the Fire Department's time to make trips to Water Gremlin over the last 2 years. Anderson said she could narrow it down based on trips, cost per hour, per truck, and will be in touch with the Town Clerk.

PINE HILL SPEED CONCERNS: The Town Clerk reported that speed complaints have come in on this street. The residents have requested speed bumps, but speed bumps will not work with public works plowing snow.

CONTRACT STATUS: The Town Clerk reported that Falcon Heights is planning on withdrawing from the Ramsey County Sheriff's Contract Group. They will hire Saint Paul police. Little Canada is planning on withdrawing from the group as well, and will hire Maplewood or Roseville. If the financial need increases on the remaining cities, Arden Hills and New Brighton will most likely look for other contract groups.

With these cities leaving the Contract Group, rates could potentially increase 20-30% or more. All cities will remain in the Contract Group until end of 2022. There will be more discussion once the City discusses with the Executive Town Board. There was some discussion of cities and budgets regarding this change.

NEXT MEETING DATE/ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: The next meeting date will be Thursday, May 6, 2021.

OPEN TIME: No one was present for open time.

ADDED AGENDA ITEMS: There were no added agenda items.

Linn moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m. Anderson seconded. Ayes all.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Megan R. Cavanaugh
Recording Secretary