

**JANUARY 4, 2021 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF EDGERTON**

Jim Burdick called the meeting to order at 6:15p.m. Committee members present were Jim Burdick, and Anne Radtke (remotely). Also present were Police Chief Robert Kowalski, Lieutenant David Kanable, and City Administrator Ramona Flanigan.

Chief Kowalski confirmed the agendas were properly posted on Wednesday, December 30, 2020 at the Post Office, Edgerton Library and City Hall.

**APPROVAL OF PUBLIC SAFETY MINUTES:**

A Radtke/Burdick motion to approve the October 5, 2020 Public Safety Committee meeting minutes passed, all voted in favor.

**DISCUSS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AND IMPLEMENTATION OF LEXIPOL:**

Chief Kowalski stated that Lexipol makes the Police Departments policies and procedures manual electronic and makes sure it is consistent with the State Statutes. Chief Kowalski stated that Lexipol was just approved at the last Council meeting. Officer Fellmeth is going to be assisting with overseeing the process. Lexipol should be available to staff in the next couple of months.

**DISCUSS POLICE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM AND PARTNERSHIP WITH BLACKHAWK TECHNICAL COLLEGE:**

Chief Kowalski stated that the last intern through Blackhawk Technical College was Officer Scott Cowden. Officer Cowden has worked out well for the department and recommends that the department use the internship program again. With potential hiring in the next few years, this program gives the department the chance to get to know a potential new hire. This will also give the candidate the opportunity to learn how the department operates.

**DISCUSS POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE FLEET:**

Chief Kowalski stated that the retiring vehicle for the Dodge Durango had engine problems, therefore, there were some unexpected costs. The new Dodge Durango is in and should be on the streets shortly.

Chief Kowalski plans to begin with the purchasing process of the next Dodge Durango given how long things take due to Covid.

Officer Whitney has an automotive maintenance degree. He will assess the vehicles and determine what vehicles are the best to keep or auction off.

**UPDATE ON THE EFFECTS OF COVID ON THE POLICE DEPARTMENT:**

Chief Kowalski stated that everyone has recovered that had Covid and he hopes to have the office open again shortly. The Police Department is on the list as first responders to get the vaccine in the near future. Chief Kowalski stated that even though the department was hit by Covid citizens of Edgerton had police services.

**POLICE CHIEF REPORT:**

Chief Kowalski stated that there will be a Resolution declaring January as National Slavery and Human Trafficking prevention month.

Being no other business before the Public Safety Committee, a Radtke/Burdick motion to adjourn passed, all voted in favor.

Robert Kowalski/Ino  
Police Chief