

**CITY OF EDGERTON  
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EDGERTON, WI**

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
Monday, July 1, 2019 at 5:45 p.m.**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call.
2. Confirmation of Appropriate Meeting Notice Posted Friday, June 28, 2019.
3. Approve June 10, 2019 Public Safety Committee Minutes.
4. Presentation from Healthy Coalition Director.
5. Update on National Night Out.
6. Letters of Commendation for Lt. Vierck and Officer Dempsey.
7. Police Chief Report.
8. Adjourn

cc: All Committee Members      City Administrator  
All Council Members      Department Heads  
Newspapers

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Notice is hereby given that a majority of the Common Council is expected to be present at the above scheduled noticed meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility. The only action to be taken at this meeting will be action by the Public Safety Committee.

**JUNE 10, 2019 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF EDGERTON**

Jim Burdick called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Committee members present were Jim Burdick, David Esau, and Anne Radtke. Also present were Police Chief Robert Kowalski.

Chief Kowalski confirmed the agendas were properly posted on Friday, June 7, 2019 at the Post Office, Edgerton Library and City Hall.

**APPROVAL OF PUBLIC SAFETY MINUTES:**

A Radtke/Esau motion to approve the April 22, 2019 Public Safety Committee meeting minutes passed, all voted in favor.

**POLICE CHIEF REPORT:**

Aldersperson Sarah Braun stated that she started working with Reach a Child a nonprofit organization that delivers childrens' books to first responder departments. The "reach" bags are draw string bags that contain books that can be kept in the first responders' vehicles for use during a crisis situation involving a child.

Aldersperson Esau requested to see a sample of the "reach" bag along with a more information on the program at a future meeting.

**DISCUSS CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING/MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING FOR POLICE OFFICERS:**

Chief Kowalski included a list of mental health training that the officers have taken and stated that they are going to be taking an online course about autism. Chief Kowalski stated that he will keep the committee up to date with the training the officers take in the future.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER I.D. CARD OPTIONS:**

Chief Kowalski stated that it is more cost efficient to have a company produce the cards as opposed to buying the printer to make the cards ourselves. Option one from Identisys is for \$130.00 to make all the cards and \$2.00 per card for any additional cards.

A Radtke/Esau motion to approve option one from Identisys in the amount of \$130.00 passed, on a 3/0 roll call vote.

**DISCUSS SPEED MONITOR UPDATE:**

Chief Kowalski said that the new speed monitor will be delivered on June 26, 2019.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PORTABLE SPEED BUMPS:**

Chief Kowalski stated that he is exploring the options of portable speed bumps and the cost associated with them. He stated they would use the portable speed bumps when

citations are not making citizens decrease their speed. They will be able to use the data collected from the new speed monitor to determine the areas with speeding issues. Alderperson Radtke expressed concern with emergency vehicles, school buses, and the elderly going over the speed bumps and slowing them down in a emergency situation.

Chief Kowalski stated that right now they are just researching different options and this option was discussed at the previous meeting.

**UPDATE ON NEW OFFICER:**

Chief Kowalski stated that Joseph Fellmeth was sworn in on June 3, 2019 and completed his first week with his training officer. He is in the national guard and is currently at his two-week annual guard training.

**LETTER OF COMMENDATION FOR OFFICER COWDEN:**

Officer Cowden has been with the department for five months and has been doing an exceptional job. Lt. Vierck sent an email acknowledging Officer Cowden for his excellent work that exceeded expectations.

**PRESENTATION FROM HEALTHY COALITION DIRECTOR:**

This was postponed until the next meeting.

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

Robert Kowalski/Ino  
Police Chief



# CITY OF EDGERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief of Police Robert J. Kowalski

June 27, 2019

Lieutenant Doug Vierck,

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In reviewing the report, you assisted Officer Dempsey who was dispatched to assist the Edgerton Fire Protection District, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) for a person who was found to be unconscious. Mr. Burdick said the unconscious person's fiancée and Mr. Burdick's wife were at the scene when you arrived. He expressed in his email that you and Officer Dempsey were "very good". Both Mr. Burdick's wife and the victim's fiancée said you and Officer Dempsey were very compassionate and sincere during this emotional time. Mr. Burdick also mentioned that although this was a sad night because of the circumstances, you and Officer Dempsey handled the situation very well and made both the fiancée and Mr. Burdick's wife feel better. Your actions and empathy on that call were very much appreciated.

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