The meeting was called to order at 8:24 PM by Alderperson Kim Olson with the following roll call:

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| **Attendee Name** | **Title** | **Status** | **Arrived** |
| Kim Olson | Alderperson | Present |  |
| Roger Smith | Alderperson | Present |  |

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All committee members were present - Alderpersons Olson, Bob Smith, and Riese. Also present were Alderpersons Abbott and Roger Smith, Mayor Guinn, Comptroller/Treasurer Angela Runde, and City Clerk Anastasia Gonstead.

# Approval of Minutes

Approval of March 27, 2023 Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the March 27, 2023 Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes made by Alderperson Bob Smith, second by Alderperson Olson. 3-0, Unanimous.

# Citizen Comments

None.

# Monthly EMS Report

Director Christine Churchill and Julie Staffin report.

Calls for Service

Nothing has changed, they continue to be busy. They are tracking approximately where they were last year for calls of service.

Training

Narrative writing this month. Working toward final renewal for licensing.

Staffing Update

Doing well with staffing numbers. They have another person approaching with interest who is a registered nurse.

Fundraising - Equipment

The annual golf outing is coming up. It's their primary fundraiser for the year. They received a grant from Marshfield Medical Clinic to purchase automated CPR machines.

Miscellaneous

Nothing to report.

Alderperson Bob Smith had a question, he had a friend who drove to EMS and requested service. Is that something they should discourage. Director Churchill stated no, the only problem with it however is that there is not always someone in the building.

# Monthly Fire Department Report

Chief Borst and Chief Thorson reported.

Equipment Update

Chief Borst reports that ground ladders and hoses were tested the previous weekend. Failed five lengths of hose all together. 35 feet of ground ladder was taken out of service due to a bent rung. Alderperson Bob Smith inquired if the hoses were rotted. Chief Borst explained the failed hoses date back to 1999. Alderperson Abbott asked if they come with warranties. Chief Borst explained they do not. That metal is the greatest threat to hoses. He also explained pump tests and maintenance starts in June, they will be starting with the hydraulic lift cylinders rotation.

Staffing Update

Chief Borst reported they currently have 19 members. The newest member starts class this fall. By the end of May, everyone who is in school right now should be done with their practicals. It then takes a few days to get the results. Alderperson Bob Smith inquired if they are confident all three members will stay, as some leave after certification. Chief Borst explains he thinks they will.

Fire Call Update

Chief Thorson explained they are at 25 calls, year to date. Five of them have been since the last meeting; one smoke alarm, one motor vehicle accident, one search and rescue, one to Kekoskee for a field fire, and one MAVIS call.

# Monthly Police Department Report

Report from Chief Toellner.

Department Update

With regards to staffing, they are down one officer, who is currently out due to a workman's comp. injury. They anticipate his return by the end of summer. In the meantime, everything is getting covered. Calls for service are currently 60 behind where they were at this time last year. Citizen's Police Academy is ongoing. Right now they are getting ready for summer, including National Night Out in August.

Chief Toellner also wanted awareness for equipment needs that are upcoming. On their capital improvements they have MDCs. The plan was to replace the current ones with capital improvement funds this year. The ones they currently have approximately five years old and the department will be looking to purchase for next year. He wanted the Council to have a heads up, as it will be part of their budget talks. There are no problems with them yet, but it could be coming.

Alderperson Bob Smith inquired if there is any update on the investigation or if they are waiting on forensic audit results. Chief Toellner explained the County has the investigation, he would believe they are waiting for the forensic audit results, but as he is not a part of the investigation, he cannot say. Alderperson Olson asked what the case number is for the investigation. Chief Toellner reiterated that he is not part of the investigation and, as such, he does not have that information.

# Other Items of Discussion/Possible Action

Discuss, with Possible Action, Semi Traffic on Ruedebusch Avenue

Alderperson Olson spoke to this matter, as she added it to the agenda. She stated she had spoken to Jack Hurst, Director of DPW, regarding the issues with the semi traffic on Ruedebusch Avenue and she believes they need a bigger sign. Chief Toellner explained the issue with John Street is the out of state truckers are usually following a GPS. He pointed out there is a big sign at John and Horicon Streets, but they do not see it/disregard it. Alderperson Riese agreed with this, stating he holds a CDL and drives heavy truck and indicated there is a lot they are unable to catch. Chief Toellner went on to explain that he has reached out to the companies these trucks are going to. These businesses do things such as put it in newletters, on dockets, and attempt outreach, but there is only so much they can do. Alderperson Riese pointed out he is not aware of any GPS that contains truck route information.

Alderperson Bob Smith stated the businesses can up the rope chains, asked if it's up. Chief Toellner stated not as of the date of this meeting. Alderperson Bob Smith asked about the radar machine they had. Chief Toellner explained it is in his office, trying to charge it. They may need a new solar battery for it.

# Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:42 PM by Alderperson Bob Smith, second by Alderperson Roger Smith. 3-0, unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Anastasia Gonstead, City Clerk