

**Police Committee**

**4/14/14**

**Attendance: Phil Snyder, Randy Lareau, Jason Mathy**

Meeting called to order at 7:00.

General discussion on suggestion from finance committee to sell squad car and stay with Kankakee County moving forward for police protection.

Benefits in doing this were cost savings to the village including payroll & benefits for employee, paying off loan for squad car and insurance premiums. With the cost savings, we could possibly increase wages for other village employees. Discussion on satisfaction with response to calls. Other than a few “kinks” that were worked out between Iroquois & Kankakee Counties, overall handling of calls has been positive. Advised committee of a situation at Ken’s Truck Repair and fairly quick resolution to the matter.

Concerns in doing this were the same as going into it. Believe community is getting more comfortable with Kankakee County in town, but there are still some members of community that would prefer a “local” police chief. Discussion on even if decided to hire a chief, there is a good possibility he or she would not live in town. Times have changed. So far, all interest has come from people that do not reside within the village. There was also concern on how the policing of the homecoming in September was going to work out.

It was the understanding of the committee that we were going to give this situation a trial throughout the summer. Committee is recommending that we stay with that thought process and revisit after homecoming. If we sell car now and decide later in the year we want to go back to a chief, a new car would have to be purchased. Advised I would pass on recommendation to the village board accordingly.

Motion to adjourn at 8:00 by Phil Snyder. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Randy Lareau.