



Town of Cedar Lake Board of Safety Special Public Meeting Minutes Friday, September 2, 2022 at 5:45 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Kaper called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Absent	Joshua Govert, Member	Present	William Fisher, Police Chief
Present	James Olthoff, Member	Absent	Todd Wilkening, Fire Chief
Present	David Villalobos, Member	Absent	Carl Brittingham, Deputy Chief Police
Present	Norman Stick, Vice Chairman	Absent	Nick Mager, Deputy Chief Fire
Present	Lester Kaper, Chairman	Absent	Ralph Miller, Town Council Liaison
		Present	David Austgen, Town Attorney

PUBLIC COMMENT: Kaper called for Public Comment three times; none received.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

1. **Personnel: Hiring of Patrolman – Recommendation to Town Council:** Chairman Kaper took a motion from Norm Stick, seconded by Jim Olthoff, to send Favorable Recommendation to the Town Council to approve the hiring of Brandon Holzhauer. Roll Call vote: Olthoff – Yes, Villalobos – Yes, Stick – Yes, Kaper – Yes. Vote: 4-0. Town Attorney Ausgten confirmed the recommendation would go to the Town Council for their meeting on Tuesday for consideration. Chief Fisher clarified for Holzhauer that the letter to the Town Council for Favorable Recommendation would be prepared and given to the Town Council at Tuesday's meeting and if approved, he would be sworn in at the following meeting. Holzhauer confirmed he would be available at this next meeting.
2. **Eligibility List Request:** Chief Fisher stated they have had difficulty obtaining candidates to create a list. Fisher requested from the Board to be able to openly take applications indefinitely to obtain a list. He stated he had a couple of people interested after the posting closed. Fisher confirmed for Kaper that this would be for certified or non-certified candidates. Fisher confirmed to Villalobos it would create an eligibility list of candidates and confirmed to Olthoff that background checks could be completed. Fisher hoped to have a list of at least 5 candidates by the end of the year. Fisher confirmed to Villalobos the posting outreach would be through social media, NILEA, ILEA and Spillman. A motion was made by Jim Olthoff, seconded by David Villalobos to accept open applications. Roll Call vote: Olthoff – Yes, Villalobos – Yes, Stick – Yes, Kaper – Yes. Vote: 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Kaper called for Public Comment. Chief Fisher stated Hanover Central received a grant for a new SRO in the amount of \$100,000. He stated they would be preparing another MOU similar to that of SRO Moake, which would allow them to open for another officer. Fisher stated they did interviews of interested candidates. Fisher confirmed to Stick it would take the officer off the street during the school year. Fisher confirmed Moake would remain in the middle school and this new SRO position would be for the high school. Kaper called for Public Comment three times; none received.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Norm Stick, seconded by David Villalobos, to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote resulted in all in favor of adjournment. Kaper called the meeting adjourned at 6:11 pm.

TOWN OF CEDAR LAKE BOARD OF SAFETY

Lester Kaper, Chairman

Norman Stick, Vice-Chairman

Joshua Govert, Member

James Olthoff, Member

David Villalobos, Member

ATTEST:

Sarah Moore, Recording Secretary