

VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK

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Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 7, 2019

6:00 PM

****AMENDED AGENDA****

Village Hall

Public Safety Committee

*Chairman Cynthia Nelson Katsenes
Trustees Kathleen M. Fenton and James V. Dodge
Village Clerk John C. Mehalek*

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M.

Present: 3 - Chairman Nelson Katsenes; Trustee Dodge and Trustee Fenton

ITEMS FOR SEPARATE ACTION**2019-0719 Emergency Vehicle Light Bar and Siren Control - Purchase**

Police Chief Timothy McCarthy reported that an Invitation to Bid (ITB19-023) was issued September 16, 2019, to solicit proposals for the purchase of emergency vehicle light bars and siren controls. Specifically, the bid requested pricing in quantities of 1 to 25 for SoundOff Signal light bars and quantities of 1-20 SoundOff Signal siren controls. Proposals for the requested SoundOff Signal emergency light bars and siren controls were received from EVT Tech and Ray O'Herron Company, Inc. Federal Signal Corporation submitted an alternate proposal for their brand of equipment.

The total package cost submitted by the three bidders to include (25) light bars and (20) siren controls is:

- * EVT Tech \$40,822.75
- * Ray O'Herron \$50,095.00
- * Federal Signal \$38,855.00, alternate proposal for their brand of equipment

Over the last several years, the police department began replacing emergency lighting and control equipment with SoundOff Signal products. The majority of the current light bars and siren controls have surpassed their warranty period and expected service life. We continue to experience on-going issues with defective lights and broken siren controls. We are running out of parts to continually repair a mixture of different manufacturer products recycled over the last twenty years.

Over the course of the last three years, as older siren controls failed, twelve SoundOff Signal siren control modules and light bars were installed in the marked squad car fleet. SoundOff Signal equipment was the recommended replacement to the aging control units and light bars. The twelve siren controls were part of a plan to standardize all marked squads for officer use during emergency response and are the only controls within our fleet still under the five-year warranty. We have not had any issues relating to the quality of the SoundOff Signal products.

Staff recommends continued installation of SoundOff signal products to provide officers consistency of operational equipment. All SoundOff Signal equipment comes with a five-year warranty and staff expects to use this equipment for at least two squad lifecycle up fittings which should provide a life expectancy of approximately eight to ten years.

Staff requests approval to purchase (25) SoundOff Signal light bars and (20) SoundOff Signal siren control units to maintain consistency with the same manufacturer warranty and standardization of operational equipment.

Staff recommends awarding this equipment purchase contract to EVT Tech, 9910 W. 190th St. Suite E, Mokena, IL 60448.

I move to recommend to the Village Board to approve the purchase of SoundOff Signal light bars and siren controls from EVT Tech, 9910 W. 190th St. Suite E, Mokena, IL 60448 at a cost not to exceed \$40,822.75.

A motion was made by Trustee Dodge, seconded by Trustee Fenton, that this matter be RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL to the Board of Trustees. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Chairman Nelson Katsenes, Trustee Dodge, and Trustee Fenton

Nay: 0

2019-0722 An Ordinance Amending “Appendix B -Fine Schedule” of the Orland Park Village Code in regard to the imposition of fines and penalties - Recommended Ordinance Amendment

Police Chief Timothy McCarthy reported that the police department is seeking to amend the Fine Schedule under Appendix B of the Orland Park Village Code, specifically, Title 9, Chapter 6 Section 5A, Negligent Driving by increasing the penalties associated with a violation.

Negligent Driving continues to be a major traffic safety issue nationally, in Orland Park and throughout Illinois. There are many possible actions that can lead to a driver being negligent to the point where the driver is susceptible to a loss of vehicle control. Two of the most problematical actions that frequently lead to negligent driving and the increased likelihood of vehicle crashes are the use of cell phones while driving as well as texting while driving.

According to a 2018 survey from the AAA Foundation for Traffic Study, the proportion of drivers who report talking on a cell phone regularly or fairly often when behind the wheel jumped 46 percent since 2013 and nearly half (49 percent) of drivers report recently talking on a hand-held phone while driving. Thirty-five percent have sent a text or email.

A recent study from the AAA Foundation for Traffic Study shows drivers talking on a cellphone are up to four times as likely to crash while those who text are up to eight times as likely to be involved in a crash. The study found that in 58 percent of teen-driven automobile crashes distraction was a factor. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), vehicle accidents are the leading cause of death among “America’s youth.”

In 2017, the police department wrote 1,564 citations for distracted driving and in

2018 wrote 2,550 citations for distracted driving which indicates that a significant distracted driving problem still exists endangering our youth and the general public.

The police department is seeking to increase penalties under the current ordinance to help curb motorists from using cellphones while driving in hopes of reducing the number of vehicle crashes resulting in injuries and deaths. A public information campaign will be conducted to highlight this problem.

Chairman Katsenes and Trustee Fenton had comments regarding this matter. (refer to audio file)

Chief McCarthy responded to their comments. (refer to audio file)

Trustee Dodge had questions regarding this matter. (refer to audio file)

Chief McCarthy responded to Trustee Dodge's questions. (refer to audio file)

I move to recommend to the Village Board to pass an Ordinance Entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING "APPENDIX B -FINE SCHEDULE" OF THE ORLAND PARK VILLAGE CODE IN REGARD TO THE IMPOSITION OF FINES AND PENALTIES.

A motion was made by Trustee Fenton, seconded by Trustee Dodge, that this matter be RECOMMENDED FOR PASSAGE to the Board of Trustees. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Chairman Nelson Katsenes, Trustee Dodge, and Trustee Fenton

Nay: 0

ADJOURNMENT: 6:10 P.M.

A motion was made by Trustee Dodge, seconded by Trustee Fenton, that this matter be ADJOURNED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Chairman Nelson Katsenes, Trustee Dodge, and Trustee Fenton

Nay: 0

2019-0739 Audio Recording for the October 7, 2019 Committee Meetings - Public Works, Public Safety & Parks & Recreation

NO ACTION

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Respectfully Submitted,

John C. Mehalek, Village Clerk