

Safety Committee:

The Safety Committee met on March 5th at 7:00 a.m. The committee will meet every 1st Thursday of the month at 7:00 a.m. at the Police Department.

The committee was updated on the progress of the Part-time Patrolman's position. One candidate remains as we are waiting on availability of our VSA operators.

Chief gave an overview of the technical issues involving the phone lines and the fire alarms in the Village buildings. The problems have been diagnosed and isolated, and we are working on a resolution by eliminating the shared phone lines which is the cause for the malfunctioning fire alarms. Fire rated cellular radios are being installed this week in order to isolate and correct the system faults.

Under Old Business, Chief received a report from Lampion Company regarding numerous issues with our traffic light. The underground infrastructure is deteriorating and needs repairs or an upgrade to the detection systems. Currently, there are 2 underground loop detectors and 1 loop detector module in need of complete replacement. 3 of the 4 underground electrical vaults are normally filled with water which affects the impedance of the loop detectors which then requires constant adjustments in the control box loop detector modules. We can continue repairing the loop detection systems which would be less expensive repairs more often or upgrade to a newer overhead detection system which would be less maintenance in the future. Chief reported on the different options and costs associated with each of the options. Upgrading the existing system would be approximately \$30,000. Councilman Porter suggested we consider the upgrade in the 2021 budget.

The committee was updated on the various upcoming community events including the Annual Cops & Kids Fishing, the Car Show, and the 3rd Grade Seatbelt Program.

Under New Business, the chief was asked about the possibility of doing background checks for Village employees other than Police Officers. After looking into the topic, it was determined that the Police Department cannot utilize the investigatory resources for the purposes of hiring Village employees. We can only use those resources on police officer candidates or agents of the police department. Chief will update HR Committee at their next meeting.

Councilman Canton asked if there was an increase in crime when the weather begins to improve. Chief advised there hasn't been much of an impact over the past few years, and that our activity stays relatively consistent. See activity chart on Page 1.

Councilman Canton inquired about the bike patrol program and times of operation. Chief updated the committee on the basic operations and deployment timeframes of the bike patrol.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 a.m.