



VILLAGE OF WEBS'

JUDICIAL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 15, 2021 @6:00 p.m.
Webster Community Center
7421 Main Street West, Webster, WI

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- I. CALL TO ORDER** –Judicial Chairman, Charlie Weis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. PRESENT** – Village President, Jeff Roberts; Chairman, Charlie Weis; and Member, Bill Summer. Others Present: Municipal Court Clerk, Tessa Anderson and Police Chief, Stephenie Wedin. Absent: Member, Darrell Sears.
- III. MUNICIPAL COURT REVIEW** – The committee reviewed the Webster Municipal Court Statistics reports for year-end 2020 and year-to-date 2021. Anderson reported collections are down. Adult tickets are the only source of revenue, and the number of adult tickets being sent to Municipal court are down. Truancy is up, but those tickets are being sent to juveniles. Per Chief, Wedin the following procedure is being used to get truancy tickets paid. The first two truancy tickets are being written to the juvenile, the third and any after that (until all truancy tickets are paid in full for that individual) are written and charged to the parent or guardian, who can be billed. Juvenile tickets are being sent to collections once that juvenile turns 18 years of age. Anderson also mentioned that Judge Sears allows juveniles to work off their fines if they serve time in in-school detention. Anderson stated that Judge Sears feels that school is more important than fines.

Chief, Wedin is looking into the following procedures. First, taking unpaid tickets and going door to door and ask for payment. She feels this will get some people to pay up and send the message that the village wants payment. Second, she will be looking into purchasing a credit card reader that will work on a cell phone for getting fines paid when they happen. People can pay their fines and be done with it. The County uses this system, and it works well for them. Trustee, Summer suggested using the *Square Card* reading system.

- IV. MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION PER WIS. STAT. § 19.85(1) (c)** – Wages for Full Time Police Officers. Motion to go into closed session was made by President, Roberts; seconded by Member, Summer. **Motion carried 3-0.** Discussion about present wages and CPI increase followed.
- v. MOTION TO RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION PER WIS. STAT. § 19.85(2)** – Motion to reconvene into open session was made by Member, Summer; seconded by President, Roberts. **Motion carried 3-0.** Motion was made by President, Roberts;

seconded by Chair, Weis for a 2% wage increase for both full-time officers. **Motion carried 3-0.** It was also discussed that the Chief's salary should be reviewed as an agenda item for the next quarterly Judicial meeting.

- VI. LEXIPOL ANNUAL FEE** – Chief, Wedin stated the annual fee for Lexipol (a service that keeps village legal documents up to date on an annual basis) is \$1600. She has received a grant from the League of WI Municipalities for \$1100. She has the money to cover the remaining amount, for Lexipol, for this year. Weis suggested that Lexipol should become a line item in the budget so that costs can be tracked.
- VII. GIFT FROM BUMP'S**– Chief, Wedin received a check for \$500 from Bump's Bar on Devil's Lake. The owner gave her this check and thanked her and the police department for their work. Chief, Wedin asked for the \$500 to go towards the purchase of a second AR rifle. This was approved on a verbal ok by the committee members.
- VIII. BURNETT COUNTY SRT** –Chief, Wedin stated that Officer, Barker started training with the County SRT (Special Response Team (SWA T)). He has shown interest in this team and was willing to join and start training. Chief, Wedin mentioned that as part of this team, Barker will receive equipment (from the team) that he can use in the day-to-day operations of his job, which can be a cost savings for the village. Committee members present were in positive agreement with Officer, Barker participating in this team.

Chief, Wedin also asked how the board felt about her looking into a K9 for drug detection and officer safety. Chief felt she might be able to secure a dog through ways that another local agency obtained theirs. Police uses for the K9 could include drug searches in the school, vehicle searches and search warrants at residences. All members present felt it was worth looking into and gave verbal approval.

- IX. MOTION TO ADJOURN** – Motion to adjourn the Judicial Committee Meeting at 6:50 p.m. was made by Member, Summer; seconded by President, Roberts. **Motion carried 3-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Charlie Weis

Judicial Chairman

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***These minutes are subject to approval at next month's Regular Meeting.