



**VILLAGE OF WEBSTER**

**JUDICIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
Wednesday, June 23, 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 6:03 p.m.
  - II. **PRESENT** – Village President, Jeff Roberts; Chairman, Charlie Weis; and Member, Bill Summer. Others Present: Police Chief, Stephenie Wedin. Absent: Member, Aaron Sears and Municipal Court Clerk, Tessa Anderson.
  - III. **MUNICIPAL COURT REVIEW** – Tessa Anderson was not able to attend this meeting due to illness. Judge Sears was also not able to attend. Tessa will be forwarding the monthly court review spreadsheet to the Village Clerk so that information can be filed with the minutes of this meeting. (Chairman Weis will follow up to ensure that this happens).
  - IV. **4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY AND GANDY DANCER DAYS PREPRATION** – Chief Wedin stated that she has the state permit to Detour Hwy 35 for the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade. Work shifts have been set and that she has the day covered. She will be working with Jay and Dean on setting road closures for the day. Also, Chief Wedin will have coverage for the Fireworks on Saturday night.

Gandy Dancer Days – Again, Chief Wedin has her work schedules in place and again will be working with Jay and Dean on the logistics of support as events of those 2 days will take place on Main Street and at the Fairgrounds.

- V. **COVID SICKNESS COVERAGE AND REPORTING** - Chairman Weis opened this agenda item by stating that the reason for reviewing this was due to circumstances, brought about by COVID, that are out of the ordinary, but it exposed some issues that the Judicial Chair wants to address.
  - a. **Reporting illnesses/time off:** It has been an acceptable procedure for Chief Wedin to notify Village Clerk that she will be taking time off (and she still should report to Clerk for payroll reasons). The COVID illness that had Chief Wedin and Officer Thoms out for 2 weeks exposed an issue that the Judicial board felt needed to be addressed. Chairman Weis asked Chief Wedin that in the future that she notify (by phone, text or email) Chairman of Judicial and Village President of time needed, explanation of need, and what steps for coverage are being taken. This is necessary so that the board can be prepared if asked/confronted with how coverage is being addressed in their absence. Chief Wedin agreed to this and will start immediately.

- b. **Coverage:** Due to the same COVID issue with Chief Wedin and Officer Thoms being out at the same time, Chairman Weis was wondering why the Chief did not use officers from the part time roster (Cassidy, Holmes, Petersen and Zajac) to fill in. Chief Wedin explained that due to his outside business Petersen is committed to that work, especially in the summer months, and she is not able to rely on his coverage. Cassidy, Holmes, and Zajac all have full time positions with Tribal Law enforcement and in order to get coverage with them requires advanced planning, something she did not have in the case of COVID. Chief had worked out her coverage with County to be a presence in the village and still had Noah on his shifts. Chairman Weis appreciated this information and noted that county officers had been present during this time. It should also be noted that Chief Wedin stated that there were no significant law events during the 2 weeks.

**VI. LAWN CLEAN UP** – Chief Wedin stated that Noah had just notified property owners of clean up (one was, 7461 Hickory, the old Co-op). Other Properties were discussed, 26590 Lakeland Ave N, has been sold and new owners will be asked their plans for clean-up (chairman Weis will address this). The lawn at 7530 Hickory needs to be addressed, but the owner is not at the residence, WPD will see about addressing this. The house at 26710 Bluegill Ave (the Mensen property) needs to be cleaned up or condemned. Can the Village Clerk/Treasurer look into the tax status on this property and report to Chairman Weis?

Also, it was brought up if the village has been able to get answers to condemnation notices from state contact in Hayward? Past requests for information have gone unanswered (voice mail box is always full).

**VII. BUDGET REVIEW** – Chief Wedin stated that all budgets are looking good at this time. Chief asked to review full time officers pay as the part time officers account has barely been used (mostly due to having 2 full time officers, the need for part time has not needed). She is concerned that the pay level for her officers is below local town scales and she fears losing officers due to pay. Noting the amount of time and training in each officer at this point means losing that experience and starting all over again. (Chairman Weis stated that to address this he will schedule the next Quarterly Judicial meeting for mid-August so if budgets need to be adjusted, we can be prepared for September/October budget reviews)

Chairman Weis asked Chief Wedin if she was experiencing any shortages in ammunition (due to the shortage being experienced nationwide at this time). Because her department will need to practice with the firearms does she have the ammo to cover and has she been able to stay within budget. Chief stated that she is searching many websites daily and she has found the ammo she needs, but it is a challenge. (Chief Wedin also stated that the new AR has been purchased and is in use, an item from last Quarterly Judicial review)

Chief then stated that she would like to purchase cameras and place them around the village. She feels that there are hot spots she will be able to cover better by using cameras and free up her and her officers time to patrol other areas. President Roberts, Trustee Summers, and Chairman Weis all agreed for her to purchase 4-5 cameras and start using them asap.

Lastly Chairman Weis brought up that Webster (like many other communities in Northern WI) is experiencing issues with bears. He has been approached and asked what steps the village is taking to address the issue with bears. He stated that the village (that includes Webster PD) is not responsible for bears issues. WPD will respond to see if there is an immediate need for assistance, but they will not harm or trap bears. When asked, Chairman Weis has told people to report bear issues to the WI DNR, as they have the authority to address these issues.

As a precaution, Chairman Weis would like the 2 links listed below be placed on the next quarter utility bills. The first is from the [WI DNR](#) and the second is from [House Logic](#) magazine dealing with preventing Bear issues. Just a suggestion.

[Take Steps Now To Avoid Potential Conflicts With Black Bears | Wisconsin DNR](#)

[How to Bear-Proof Your Property | Bear Deterrents | HouseLogic](#)

**VIII. MOTION TO ADJOURN** – Motion to adjourn the Judicial Committee Meeting at 7:02 p.m. was made by President, Roberts; seconded by Trustee, Summer. **Motion carried 3-0.** The next Judicial Quarterly meeting will be set for mid-August.

Respectfully submitted,

*Charlie Weis*

Judicial Chairman

June 23, 2021

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