



VILLAGE OF WEBSTER

JUDICIAL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, November 16, 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 Members, Bill Summer and Aaron Sears. Others Present: Police Chief, Stephenie Wedin; Municipal Court Judge, Brian Sears; Police Officer, Mark Thoms and Village Trustees, Tim Maloney and Kelsey Gustafson Absent: Municipal Court Clerk, Tessa Anderson.
 - III. **MUNICIPAL COURT REVIEW** – Municipal Court Clerk, Tessa Anderson was not in attendance due to illness. Judge Sears said that he had talked to Tessa and she would be forwarding the Municipal court spreadsheet (see attached). Judge Sears also mentioned that the court is still a little slow due to COVID, but that truancy being the one item that is appearing to show activity.
 - IV. **UPDATE ON FORD SQUAD ISSUE** – Chief Wedin stated that the steering has not been an issue lately. She stated that she will keep the operating condition of the squad under observation.
 - V. **UPDATE ON FILLING OPEN OFFICER POSITION** - Chief Wedin stated that she has 2 candidates inquiring about the position. One from UW Platteville and the second from UW Stevens Point. Both are in criminal justice programs at those schools. Posting will close November 19, 2021. Discussion by all members with the Chief came up with setting interviews Tuesday the 30th of November 2021.

Side Bar Discussion: The Chief asked about setting pay incentives for the officers in advance of the interviews. The 2022 budget was set to include a pay adjustment for village officers. That amount will be discussed at the Joint Judicial/Personnel meeting on Monday the 29th.
 - VI. **UPDATE ON SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER** – Chief stated that she is making time to stop by the schools at this time. Weis asked if we were billing the school for this time (under the liaison officer agreement arranged with the school) and the Chief said that she is not and will not until the new officer is hired and is ready to go into the school. Chief stated that she has discussed this with Principal Hetfield and he is agreeable with the situation as it is now.
 - VII. **PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS** – Weis read the Village’s Ordinance 14-4: Plan Commission: A. Composition and B. (1) and (2). Appointments of Trustee and

Citizens. After discussion, the following was agreed by all members. Leave A. Composition as written. Also keep B. (1) Trustee Appointments as written. Changes were agreed to B. (2) as follows:

- a. Change to following: The original citizen members shall be appointed upon the creation of the Commission and shall hold office for a period of three years, respectively, from the succeeding first day of May, and thereafter annually during the month of April such members shall be appointed for a term of three years. **(New add) The length of each member's service (years) shall be determined by the drawing of numbers (1 through 3) by the Village President. At each April meeting, the members whose service is completed may be resubmitted by Village President or a new person can be appointed for approval at the May meeting. If a member cannot finish their term, the Village President can appoint a new member (regardless of the length of service remaining on their term) and that new member will need to be approved by majority board approval for only the remainder of that term.**

It was discussed that it will be necessary to make sure that each April and May that this is on the agenda.

- VIII. SPEEDING IN VILLAGE** – President, Roberts stated that he had been approached by a citizen of the village who was concerned about the speed of traffic on Sturgeon Av N. Discussion of other locations of Hickory, Austin Lake Road/Oak St were discussed. Trustee Weis and Chief Wedin, on the suggestion of President, Roberts, will be looking into the possibility of making the intersection of Sturgeon and Fir a 4-way stop.

The purchasing of speed signs was also discussed. Chief Wedin stated that she had been reviewing options on signs. She was looking at Solar powered signs and said that the cost was averaging \$2,500 to \$3,000. Trustee Weis asked her to look at hard wired (electric powered) and then to look at the best locations for the signs. Trustee Maloney asked the Chief to bring costs and options to the December 8, 2021 Regular Board Meeting for approval.

- IX. MOTION TO ADJOURN**– Motion to adjourn the Judicial Committee Meeting at 6:55 p.m. was made by President, Roberts; seconded by Trustee, Summer. **Motion carried 6-0.** The next Judicial Quarterly meeting will be set for mid-August.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlie Weis

Judicial Chairman

November 16, 2021

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